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PREFACE

South Australian Economic Indicators is a monthly publication which contains the latest available data at the time of preparation for a range of statistical series that have been identified as indicators of economic activity in this State. In a number of cases the figures presented are preliminary and subject to revision in subsequent issues.

Written and graphic commentary have been included for many of the selected series and analysis has been augmented with the calculation of the percentage change from the previous reference period together with the presentation of comparative Australian data.

Time series information has been included to provide a historical perspective on many of the selected indicators. Future issues may be expanded to include further historical data in response to expressed user needs. This product is under continuous review and any suggestions for enhancement will be welcomed.

More detailed information on each series, including explanatory and technical notes, can be obtained from other Australian Bureau of Statistics publications or alternative data sources. To assist those seeking further information a source publication for each of the series has been documented in the statistical summary.

This issue includes a special article entitled *South Australian Merchandise Trade - Part 1, Imports*. Future issues will contain further articles on statistical topics which concentrate on longer term trends or other issues pertinent to the South Australian economy.

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REVIEW

South Australian Overview

- Gross state product (GSP) grew by 0.5% in the December quarter compared with a 0.6% increase in the national average.
- The February 1997 merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$502.3 million, whilst the value of merchandise imports released from Customs control was \$304.0 million.
- The February 1997 trend estimate of retail turnover recorded a 0.3% increase on January 1997.
- The trend for total new motor vehicle registrations increased 3.1% in February 1997 and was the fifth consecutive monthly rise.
- The trend for total dwellings approved has fallen for the last four months and is now 6.1% below the recent peak in October 1996. The value of non-residential building approved was \$53.1 million in February 1997.
- It was estimated that 1,517 dwelling units were commenced during the December quarter 1996 and represented a rise of 14.8% from the previous quarter.
- The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the December quarter 1996 increased by 14.4% to \$273.5 million. The total value of building work done increased by 21.7% to \$344.6 million whilst the total value of building work yet to be done was \$345.0 million a decrease of 14.0% from the previous quarter.
- The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide showed no increase for the March quarter 1997.
- The Price Index of Materials used in House Building increased by 0.2% in February 1997 whilst the index for Materials used in Building other than House Building increased by 0.1% when compared with January 1997.
- The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has increased in recent months, reaching 664,000 in March 1997. This represents a 0.9% increase over the level of 12 months ago.
- The trend unemployment rate for South Australia has generally remained flat over the past 12 months. The estimate for both March 1996 and March 1997 was 9.4%.
- There were 1,900 working days lost through industrial disputes in South Australia during January 1997.
- In original terms, the proportion of employees who worked overtime in South Australia in February 1997 was 15.7%.
- In the 12 months to January 1997, the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time employees in South Australia increased by 1.4%.
- In January 1997, there were 7,876 short term (less than 12 months) overseas visitor arrivals to South Australia and 7,497 resident short term departures overseas.
- The trend estimate for the value of owner-occupied housing commitments continued the levelling off apparent since December 1996 with February 1997 rising 0.5% to \$258.2 million.
- Businesses expect a 2.8% increase in sales of goods and services in the short term June 1997 quarter compared with the March quarter 1997 and a 4.0% increase increase in the medium term, March 1998 compared with March 1997.

State Accounts

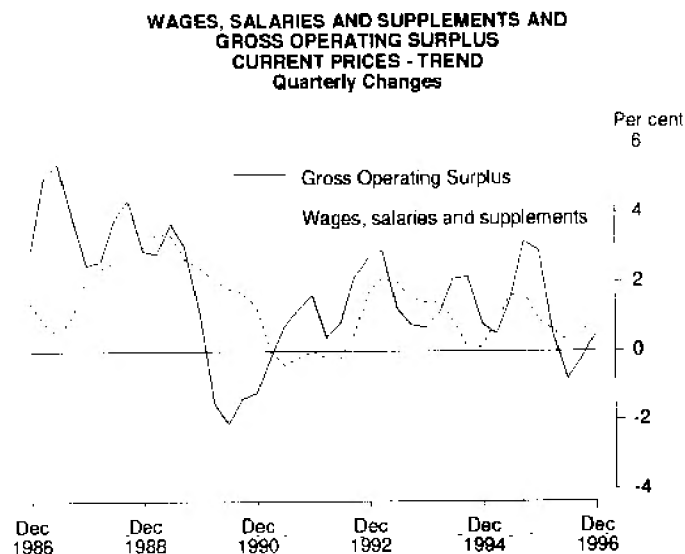
NOTE: Deficiencies in the data sources used to estimate gross operating surplus for recent quarters may at times lead to the current price estimates of gross state product GSP(T) being under or over stated for particular States. Consequently, the measured growth rate for constant price GSP(T) for those States will also be affected.

The constant price series for gross state product (GSP) have been labelled as 'experimental'. Users are cautioned that these estimates are derived indirectly by calculating a deflator from the expenditure components. It is emphasised that, at times, movements that can not be fully explained may be introduced into the constant price GSP(T) series through the use of this proxy deflator.

Trend Estimates (Current Prices)

Gross state product (GSP) grew by 0.5% in the December quarter compared with a 0.6% increase in the national average. This represented a significant improvement on the fall of 0.2% and the increase of 0.1% recorded in the June and September quarters, respectively. The annual growth rate of 0.9% was the lowest of all States.

Wages, salaries and supplements increased 0.9% in December quarter 1996 and 2.4% in the year ending December 1996. The annual change was the second lowest of all States.



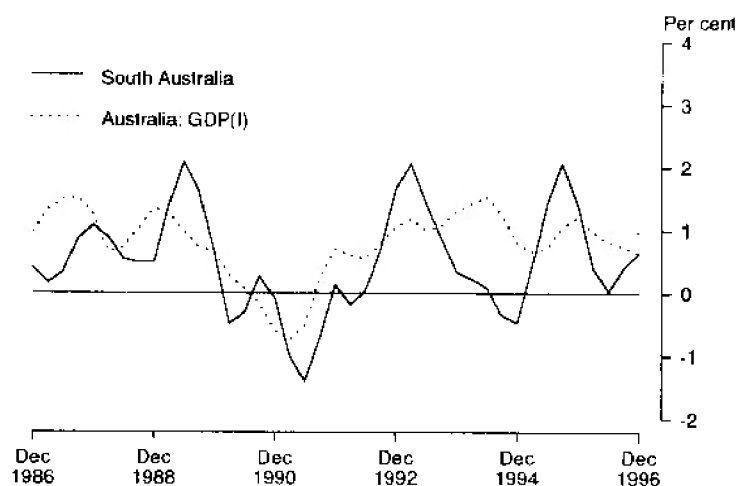
After recording falls in each of the two previous quarters, gross operating surplus grew by 0.5%. The annual growth rate of -0.1% was the lowest of all States.

Indirect taxes less subsidies fell by 1.0% in the December quarter, the third successive quarterly decline.

Trend Estimates (Constant Prices)

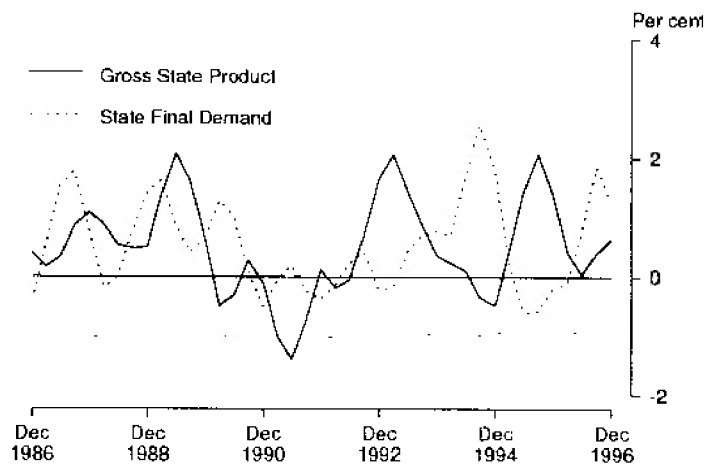
The experimental estimate of GSP at constant prices grew by 0.6% in the December quarter and by 1.5% through the year to December quarter 1996.

**GROSS STATE PRODUCT - TREND
(CONSTANT PRICES)
Quarterly Changes**



State final demand (SFD) increased by 1.3% in the December quarter and has, for the past three quarters, grown at a faster rate than GSP. December quarter growth in SFD was the highest of all States and more than double the national average. The most significant factor was an 8.0% increase in private gross fixed capital expenditure, in particular expenditure on equipment. Expenditure on dwellings rose for the first time since September quarter 1994.

**GROSS STATE PRODUCT AND
STATE FINAL DEMAND - TREND
(CONSTANT PRICES)
Quarterly Changes**



Private final consumption expenditure was flat in the December quarter. The increase of 0.8% through the year to December quarter 1996 was the third lowest growth rate of any State.

International Accounts

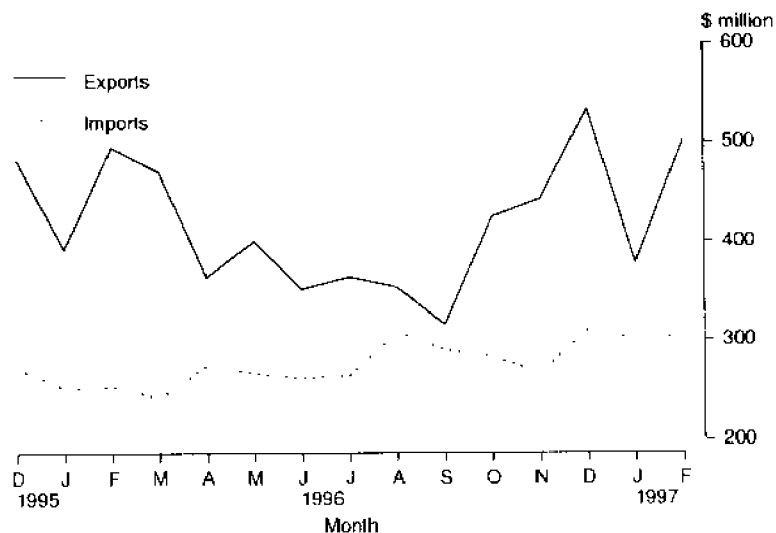
Exports

The February 1997 merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$502.3 million, an increase of 32.7% on the previous month and 1.5% on February 1996. All major commodity groups showed an increase compared with the previous month except fish and crustaceans which decreased by 0.4%. The value of exports reported in February was only the second month on record where the value has exceeded \$500.0 million and was largely the result of exports of agricultural products.

The major commodity groups exported during February 1997 were cereal and cereal preparations valued at \$124.5 million up from \$108.0 million last month, petroleum and petroleum products \$43.5 million, up from \$4.0 million and road vehicles, parts and accessories with \$58.2 million up from \$46.8 million.

The major destinations of South Australian exports in February 1997 were the ASEAN countries with \$74.0 million, the Middle East valued at \$66.1 million, the United States \$57.1 million and Japan \$53.6 million.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS



Imports

The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia for February 1997 was \$304.0 million, a 1.2% increase on the previous month and a 19.7% increase on February 1996. The increases over the previous month occurred in petroleum and petroleum products up \$27.6 million to \$52.6 million and road and road vehicles up \$4.2 million to \$46.4 million. These increases were partly off set by decreases in the importation of machinery down \$11.4 million to \$96.0 million and chemicals down \$8.3 million to \$16.7 million.

Consumption and Investment

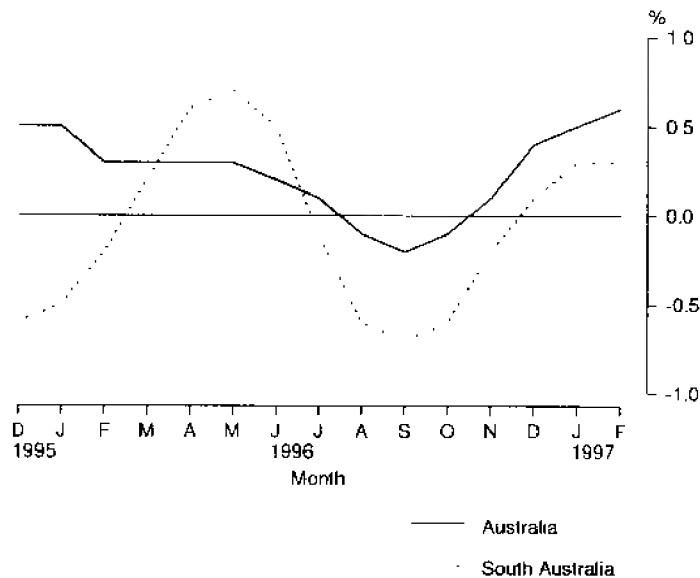
Retail Turnover

The February 1997 trend estimate of retail turnover recorded a 0.3% increase on January 1997 and follows a similar increase in the previous month. Food retailing was the major proponent of the growth in this period. The Australian trend estimate has strengthened in recent months and recorded 0.6% increase in February 1997.

Over the past three months the trend estimate for South Australia increased by \$5.8 million caused by increases of \$5.9 million in food retailing, \$1.8 million in hospitality and services and \$1.2 million in both clothing and soft good retailing, and other retailing but was partly offset by decreases of \$3.1 million in recreational good retailing and \$2.0 million in household good retailing.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of retail trade in February 1997 decreased 0.6%. In original terms, South Australian retail turnover was \$673.0 million, a decrease of 2.7% on February 1996.

RETAIL TURNOVER
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH
 Trend Estimates

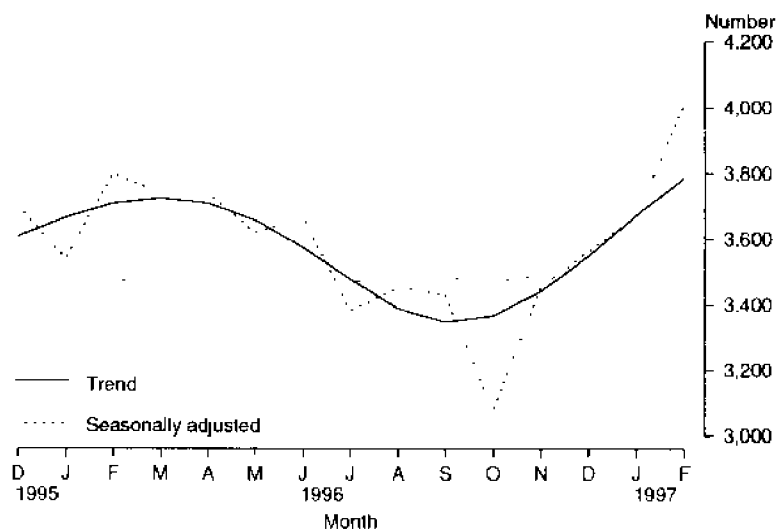


New Motor Vehicle Registrations

The trend for total new motor vehicle registrations increased 3.1% in February 1997 and was the fifth consecutive monthly rise. The Australian figure for the same month increased 1.4%.

In original terms there were 3,827 new motor vehicles registered in February 1997, an increase of 30.1% from January 1997 and a decrease of 0.1% from February 1996. For new passenger vehicles, the leading makes registered in February 1997 were Mitsubishi (833 vehicles), Holden (660), Ford (563), Toyota (353) and Hyundai (267).

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



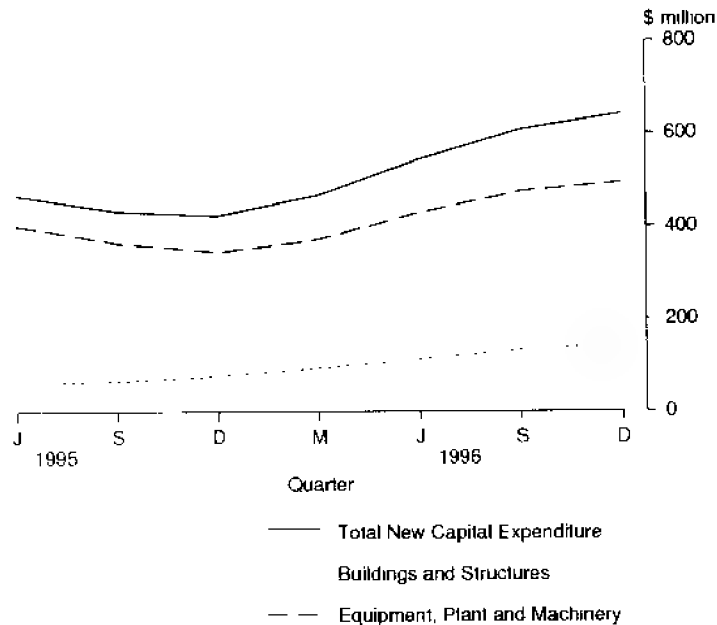
Private New Capital Expenditure

The trend estimate for private new capital expenditure in South Australia for the December quarter 1996 increased by 5.4% from the previous quarter and is a continuation of trend growth which commenced in December quarter 1995. The Australian figure fell by 0.3%.

Private new capital expenditure in original terms for the December quarter 1996 was \$658 million, an increase of 4.4% from the September quarter 1996. Buildings and structures accounted for \$165 million, and equipment, plant and machinery \$493 million.

Information on expected capital expenditure data is contained in the Forward Outlook on pages 17 and 18.

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
TYPE OF ASSET
Trend Series



Tourist Accommodation

When the December quarter 1996 is compared with the December quarter 1995, the number of holiday flats, units and houses available for short-term letting increased by 13.3%. Unit nights occupied increased by 14.8% while the unit occupancy rate rose from 40.3% to 40.7%. Accommodation takings increased by 26.9% from \$3.1 million to \$3.7 million while average takings per unit night occupied rose from \$65 to \$66.

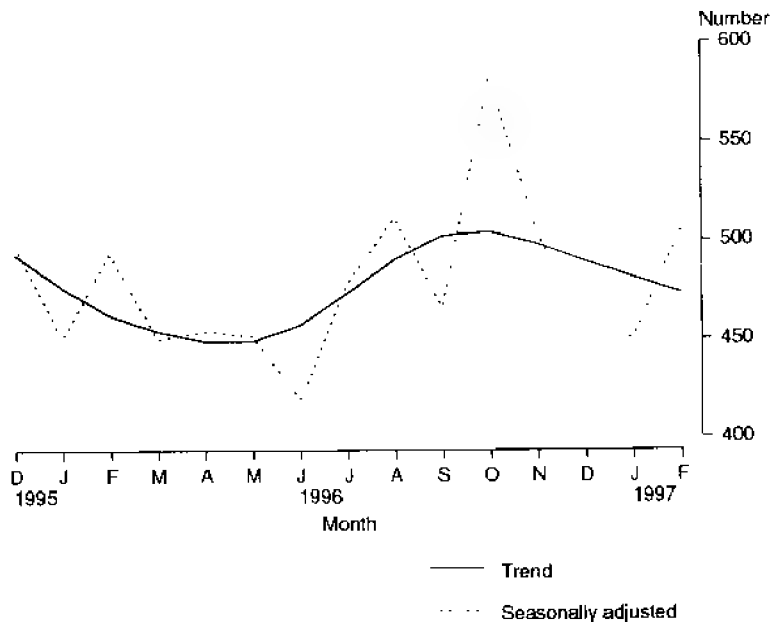
Production

Dwelling Approvals

The trend for total dwellings has fallen for the last four months and is now 6.1% below the recent peak in October 1996. In original terms, the number of dwelling unit approvals for February 1997 was 472, an increase of 34.5% from the previous month.

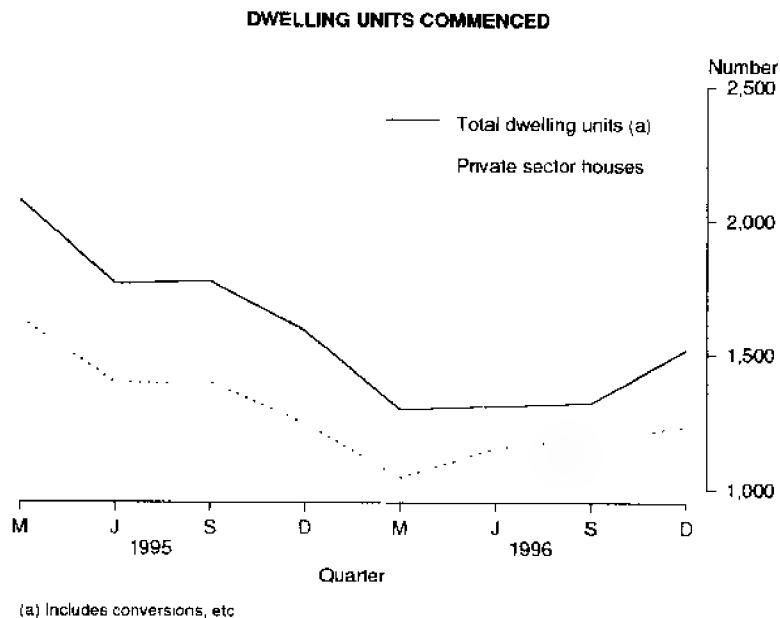
The February 1997 national trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved was 11,649, up by 1.6% from the January 1996 estimate and 13.9% more than the previous years estimate. In original terms, South Australia accounted for 4.4% of the total dwelling units approved in Australia during February 1997.

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



Dwelling Commencements

From the Building Activity Survey, it was estimated that 1,517 dwelling units were commenced during the December quarter 1996. The latest figure represented a rise of 14.8% from the previous quarter compared with a 3.8% rise nationally. The December quarter 1996 figure for South Australia was 4.4% below the total for the December quarter 1995 while the national figure had increased 3.0% over the 12 month period.



Value of Building Approvals

In February 1997, the value of non-residential building approved increased by 26.7% to \$53.1 million which is almost double that of the December 1996 low of \$28.0 million. Miscellaneous, shops and educational projects accounted for over 65% of the total value of non-residential building for February 1997.

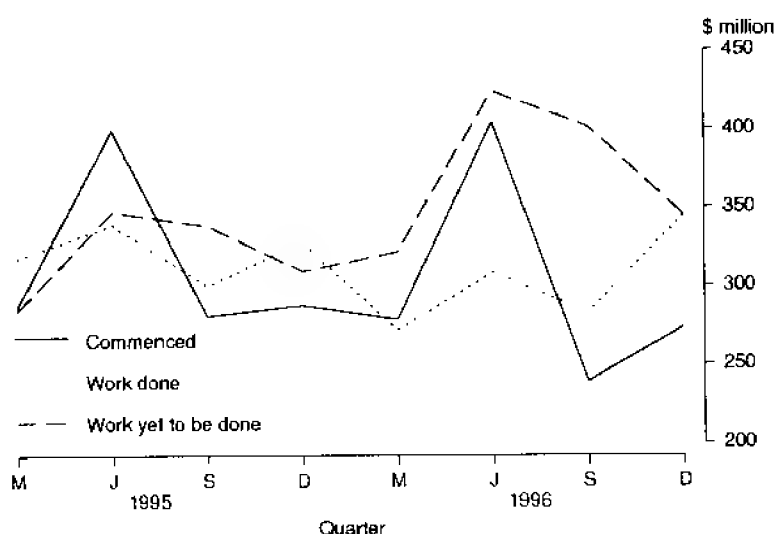
Value of Total Building Activity

The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the December quarter 1996 increased by 14.4% to \$273.5 million. This increase was mostly confined to the residential building sector which had increased by 23.1% to \$166.0 million from the previous quarters low of \$134.9 million.

The total value of building work done during the December quarter 1996 increased by 21.7% to \$344.6 million compared with an increase of 3.3% nationally. An increase in the value of building work done was recorded for both the residential and non-residential building sectors, 13.1% and 30.0% respectively.

For the December quarter 1996, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was \$345.0 million a decrease of 14.0% from the previous quarter while the corresponding national figure increased by 1.3%. Expressed as a proportion of the national total, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was 3.6% for the December quarter 1996 down from the previous quarter of 4.3%.

VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY



Value of Engineering Construction

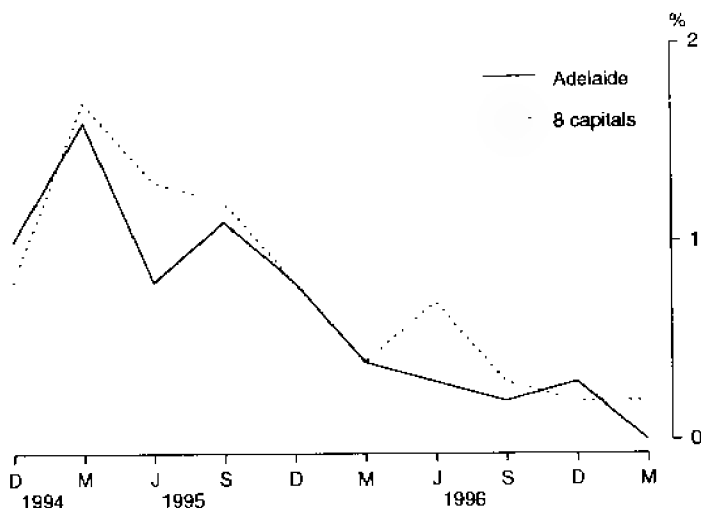
In the December quarter 1996, the value of engineering and construction work done in South Australia increased by 23.1% to \$186.1 million compared with a 1.9% decrease nationally. South Australia had a 4.9% share of the national total of \$3,762.3 million. The value of work commenced during the quarter fell by 21.3% to \$207.5 million for South Australia while the corresponding national figure fell by 17.2% to \$3,694.5 million. The South Australian proportion of national commencements was 5.6% for the December quarter 1996.

Prices

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide showed no increase for the March quarter 1997. The annual movement in the index was 0.8%. The zero growth shown in the quarter comprised of increases in health and personal care, recreation and education and food groups being offset by decreases in the housing, and household equipment and operation groups. The comparative Australian data shows a 0.2% increase for the March quarter 1997 and an annual increase of 1.3%.

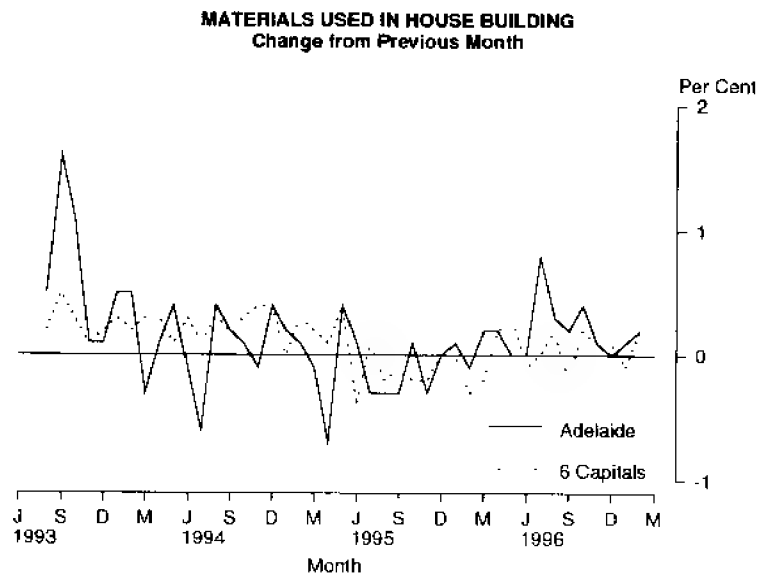
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX Change from previous quarter



House Building Materials

Price increases in metal roofing and guttering and ready-mixed concrete were the main contributors to a 0.2% increase in the Price Index for Materials used in House Building, for the month of February 1997 in Adelaide. A similar rise was recorded for the weighted average of the six State Capitals.

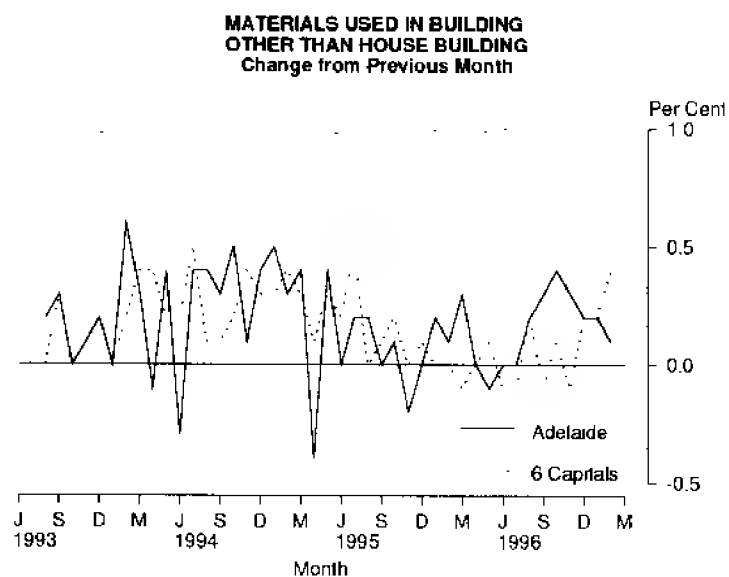
The Index recorded a rise of 2.4% in Adelaide for the 12 months to February, compared to a rise of 0.6% for the weighted average of the six State capitals.



Non-house Building Materials

For the month of February, a rise of 0.1% was recorded in Adelaide for the Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building. This was attributed to an increase in steel decking and cladding and non-ferrous pipe prices. The weighted average of the six State capitals recorded a rise of 0.4% for the same period.

For the 12 months to February, the Index shows an increase of 1.7% for Adelaide and a 0.6% increase for the weighted average of the six State capitals.



House Prices

During the December quarter 1996 the Price Index of Established Houses in Adelaide decreased 1.0% and the Project Home Index decreased 3.6%. The weighted average of the eight capital cities index, over the same period showed a 0.3% increase for established houses and a 0.3% decrease for project houses.

Between December quarter of 1995 and 1996 the Price Index for Established Houses in Adelaide decreased by 0.7% and project homes by 4.8%. Nationally, for the 12 month period established house prices recorded a 1.7% increase and project homes decreased by 0.3%.

Labour Force and Demography

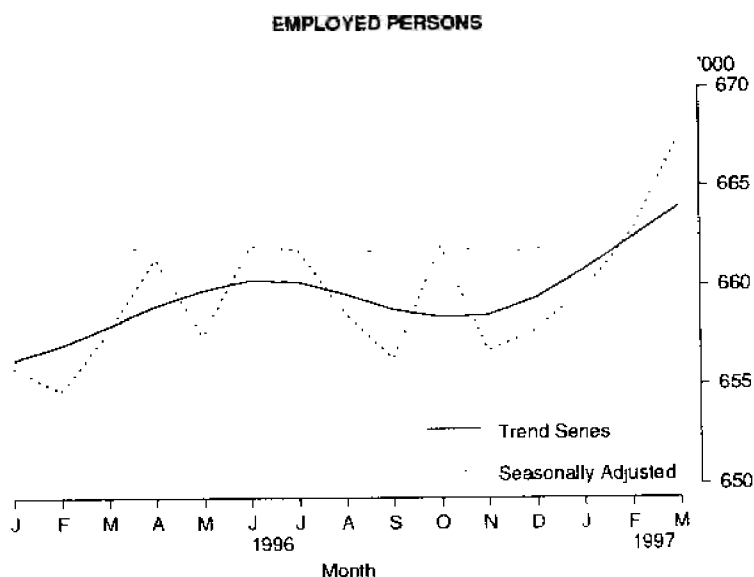
Population

At 30 September 1996 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,480,181. This was an increase (1,028) persons from the June quarter. The continuing low growth rate for South Australia is attributable to a net outflow in interstate migration of 1,589 persons which was partly offset by a net inflow of overseas migration of 1,042 persons. In the September quarter there was a natural increase of 1,575 persons.

Employment

The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has increased in recent months, reaching 664,000 in March 1997. This represents a 0.9% increase over the level of 12 months ago. The main contributing factor has been a 5.4% increase in part-time employment, from an estimate of 182,700 in March 1996 to 192,400 in March 1997. Currently, 29.0% of all employed persons in South Australia usually work between 1 to 34 hours a week - much higher than the national proportion of 25.4%. An unwanted side effect of increased part-time employment is underemployment (or the preference to work extra hours if they were made available). At March 1997, 31.2% of all part-time employed persons in South Australia indicated that they were underemployed.

The trend estimate of employed persons in Australia continued its growth in recent months rising to 8,410,600 in March 1997. Full-time employment has been falling since October 1996, while part-time employment continues to increase, reaching 2,139,500 in March 1997 (or an increase of 4.6% since March 1996).



Unemployment

The trend unemployment rate for South Australia has generally remained flat over the past 12 months. The estimate for both March 1996 and March 1997 was 9.4%. Over the same period, the trend estimate of the participation rate (or the labour force expressed as a proportion of the civilian population) has moved marginally; from 61.9% in March 1996 to 62.0% at March 1997.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Australia has remained at 8.7% in recent months. This compares with an estimate of 8.5% for March 1996. Males recorded a higher unemployment rate than females, 8.9% compared with 8.4% at March 1997.



Overtime

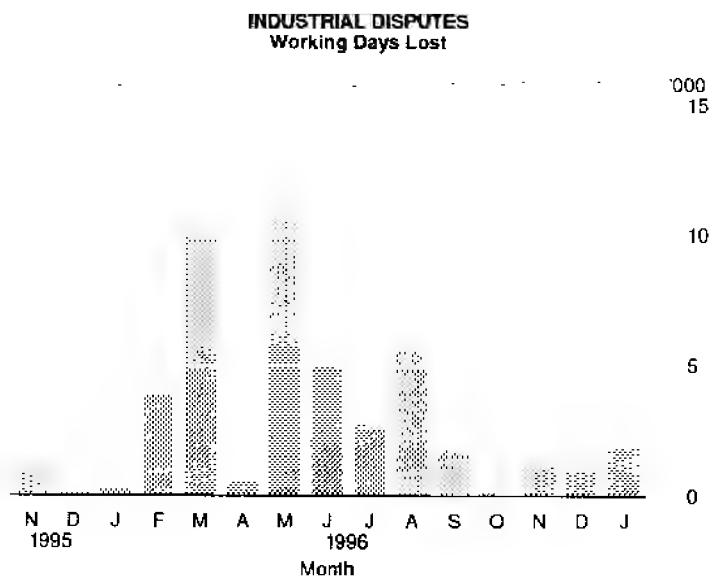
In original terms, the proportion of employees who worked overtime in South Australia in February 1997 was 15.7%. This was higher than the February 1996 estimate of 13.8%.

At February 1997, the proportion of employees in Australia who worked overtime was 15.4%, down from the 15.9% recorded in February 1996.

In February 1997, employees who worked overtime in South Australia recorded an average of 6.6 overtime hours per week. This was slightly lower than the corresponding national level of 7.1 hours.

Industrial Disputes

There were 1,900 working days lost through industrial disputes in South Australia during January 1997. This comprised 8.2% of the national total (23,300 working days lost).



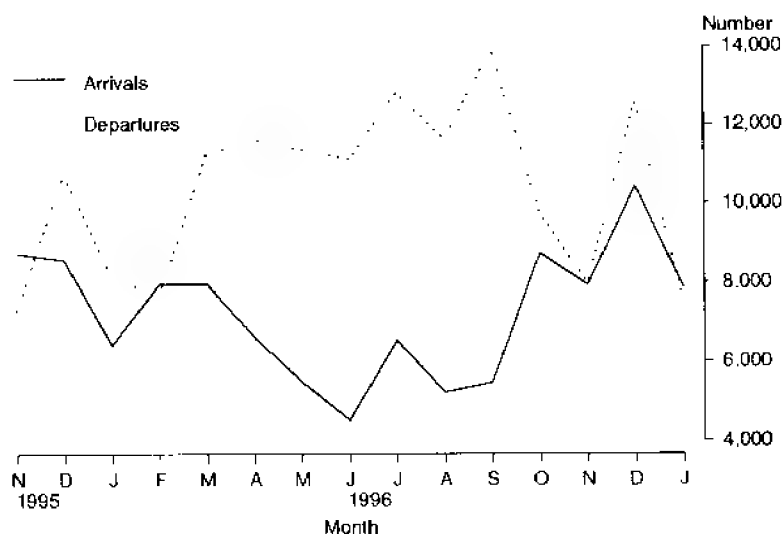
Short term Overseas Visitor Arrivals

In January 1997, there were 7,876 short term (less than 12 months) overseas visitor arrivals to South Australia. This represents a 24.3% fall from the total number of short term visitor arrivals in December 1996 and a 22.4% increase when compared with January 1996. Australia recorded a 8.1% growth from January 1996 to January 1997. The South Australian proportion of the Australian short term overseas visitor market increased slightly to 2.3% in January 1997.

Short term Resident Departures

There were 7,497 resident short term departures overseas from South Australia in January 1997. This represents 8.0% fewer departures than for January 1996 (8,145), and 40.3% less than for December 1996. In contrast, Australia recorded a 10.6% increase in the number of residents departing overseas for a short term in January 1997 when compared with January 1996.

SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES



Incomes

Average Weekly Earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult employees in South Australia increased by 0.4% for the three months to November 1996. Male full-time ordinary time earnings decreased by 0.1% in November 1996 whilst over the same period female full-time adults ordinary time earnings increased by 1.5%.

In the 12 months to November 1996 the trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adults increased by 3.3%. This compares with a 4.3% increase for full-time adult total earnings.

Note: Since it is an average of earnings across all employees, changes in average weekly earnings may occur through changes in employment as well as changes in pay levels.

Award Rates of Pay

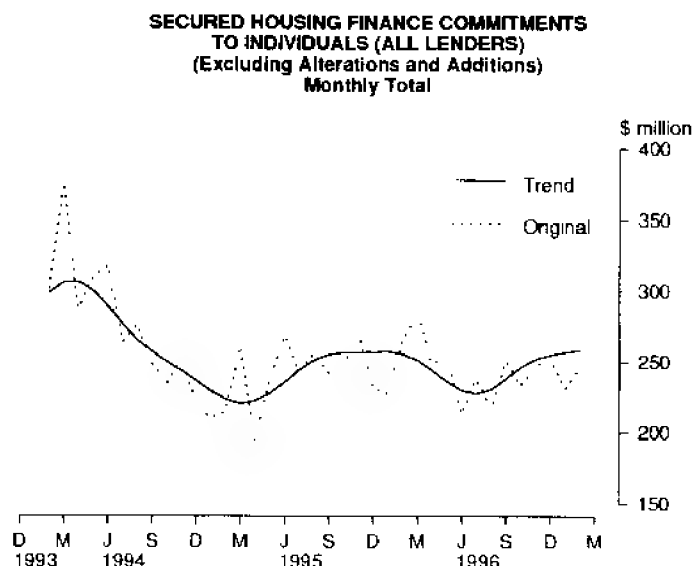
In the 12 months to February 1997, the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time employees in South Australia increased by 1.4%.

For full-time adult male employees in South Australia, the largest annual movement of the index occurred in the manufacturing industry division, with an increase of 1.8 %. For full-time adult female employees, the largest annual movement of the index occurred in public administration and defence with an increase of 2.4%.

Financial Markets

Housing Finance

The trend estimate for the value of owner-occupied housing commitments continued the levelling off apparent since December with February rising 0.5% to \$258.2 million, 0.9% above February 1996. The national trend increased 1.1% for the month, 14.9% above the previous February.



Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) increased in February by 6.6% to \$263.0 million, 7.8% below February 1996. This represents 6.2% of the national figure.

Commitments for the purchase of established houses (the largest category) were up 11.9% to \$162.3 million. Construction of dwellings increased 3.3% to \$30.7 million to be the highest month since March last year and 10.1% above the previous February. Commitments for newly erected dwellings decreased 19.9% to \$7.4 million. Refinancing was down 2.2% to \$46.2 million.

Alterations and additions increased significantly for the second consecutive month following the lowest December since 1992, up in February by 7.0% to \$16.4 million.

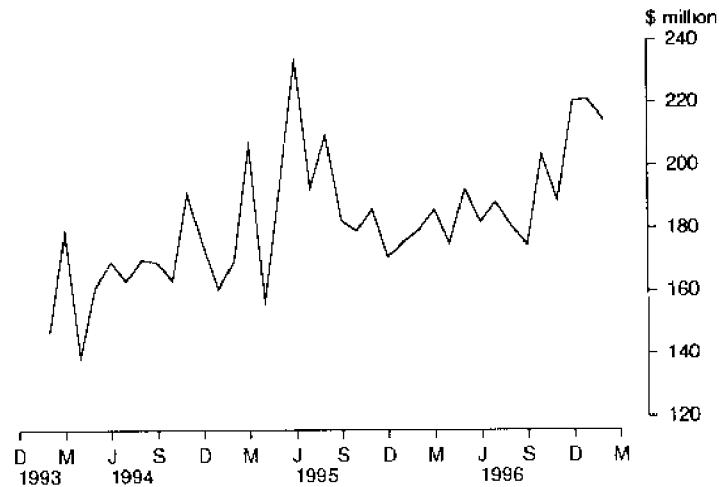
Personal Finance

Total commitments for February decreased by 3.0% to \$214.4 million following high months in December and January. The month was 18.0% above the previous February. The national total increased 4.5% during the month to be 10.2% above February 1996. The South Australian commitments for the month were 7.5% of the national total.

Fixed loan commitments decreased 6.5% to \$115.9 million, 10.6% below February 1996. The main category, finance for used motor vehicles and station wagons, was down 12.8% to \$33.8 million, 14.5% lower than the previous year. New motor vehicles and station wagons, were down 11.0% to \$12.9 million but 13.5% higher than the previous year and representing 6.1% of the national total. Alterations and additions to dwellings also decreased, down 8.6%, but nearly twice the previous years figure. Motor cycles, other motor vehicles and debt consolidation were the main fixed loan commitments to increase.

Revolving credit facilities increased 1.6% to \$98.5 million maintaining the very high level of the previous two months. Secured revolving credit facilities increased 6.6% to \$62.6 million and was nearly three times the previous February. That increase was partially offset by unsecured revolving credit facilities which fell by 6.2% but was 17.3% higher than February 1996.

**PERSONAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS
(ALL LENDERS)
Monthly Total**



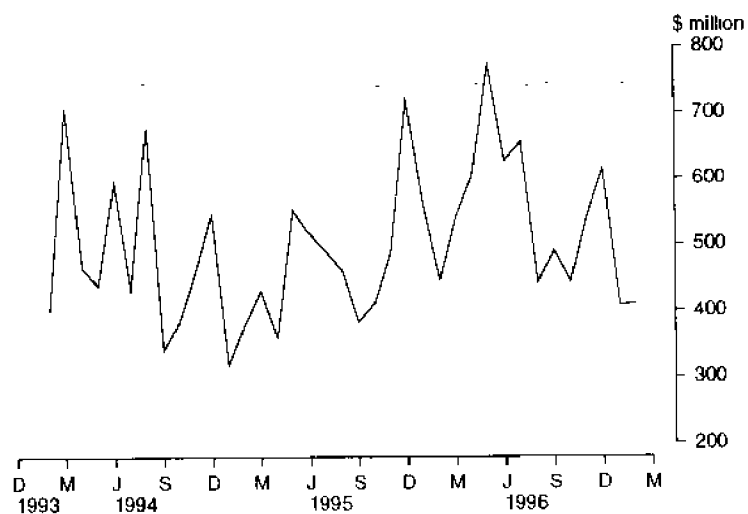
Commercial Finance

Total commercial finance commitments remained low at \$410.8 million with only a marginal increase during the month, making the month's commitments 8.2% below February 1996.

Commitments under fixed loan facilities increased 4.7% to \$270.2 million, 14.9% below the previous February. The main increase was for property and business services, up 44.2% to \$42.5 million. Significant increases were also recorded for wholesale trade, up 15.5%, and agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, up 12.2%. The main fall was for finance, investment and insurance, down 28.7% after the high figure recorded in January.

Revolving credit facilities decreased 7.0% to \$140.6 million, but was 8.1% above February 1996. Big decreases were recorded for the categories of agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade. These falls were only partially countered by the big increase in finance, investment and other services and property and business services.

**COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS
Monthly Total**



Lease Finance

The value of goods under new lease finance commitments remained low, with 1997 being the lowest recorded February figure, 34.9% below February 1996. This was despite recording an increase over the previous month of 11.5% to \$15.3 million, which brought South Australia's new commitments to 2.6% of the national total.

The main increase was for new motor cars and station wagons not subject to depreciation (the largest category), up 14.7% to \$4.5 million and 14.7% above February 1996. Electronic data processing equipment rose 63.1% after a low January and office machines (up 39.6%) continued to climb for the third consecutive month. The main decrease was for construction and earth moving equipment, which dropped by \$0.9 million following several very high months during the past year.

Forward Outlook

Composite Leading Indicator

The Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) is a single time series produced by aggregating eight individual economic indicators, and has been developed by the ABS as an experimental series to supplement existing forms of economic analysis and modelling.

The CLI summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators and is designed to assist the detection of turning points between successive expansions and slow downs of economic activity as measured by constant price GDP(A). It does not attempt to forecast the level of economic activity.

In the December quarter 1996 :

- the experimental CLI rose 0.12%, following rises of 0.31% and 0.25% in the June and September quarters respectively;
- the last turning point in the deviation from its long-term trend for average Gross Domestic Product GDP (A) was a peak in the March quarter 1995. This peak was not predicted by the CLI as it is not well equipped to predict turning points driven predominantly by farm production as was the case in 1995-96.

The quarterly data are released in more detail in the *Australian Economic Indicators* (1350.0). The CLI was the topic of the Focus article in the September 1993 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (1307.4).

Australian Business Expectations

Surveys of business expectations have been available to decision makers for a number of years from several sources. These surveys provided *qualitative* indicators in the form of the net proportion of businesses expecting a rise or fall in future business conditions. Since the December quarter 1993, the ABS has been compiling a *quantitative* indicator of business expectations in the form of an expected weighted aggregate change in a range of economic variables. These data are available on a quarterly basis in *Australian Business Expectations* (5250.0).

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES EXPECTED PERCENTAGE AGGREGATE CHANGE

Reference Period	Short term		Medium term	
	Expected aggregate change between		Expected aggregate change between	
	Dec. 1996 and Mar. 1997	Mar. 1997 and June 1997	Mar. 1996 and Mar 1997	Mar. 1997 and Mar. 1998
	%	%	%	%
South Australia	-0.1	2.8	3.6	4.0
Australia	0.4	1.6	4.1	2.9

Short term

Businesses in South Australia expect an increase of 2.8% in sales of goods and services in the June quarter 1997 compared with the March quarter while the national expectation was a 1.6% increase. The largest expected increases in sales were in electricity, gas and water (10.3%) and manufacturing 6.1%).

Medium term

Businesses in South Australia expect sales of goods and services in the March quarter 1998 to be 4.0% above March quarter 1997. Australia wide the expectation was for 2.9% growth. The South Australian expectation of 4.0% was the second largest of all States and Territories.

Expected New Capital Expenditure

State estimates of actual new capital expenditure by private businesses in Australia are compiled each quarter. Details appear on pages 6, 20 and 36 of this publication.

Each December quarter businesses in the survey are asked for details of their longer term expectations for capital expenditure by State enabling estimates to be made for periods 6 months and 18 months ahead of the reference period. The collection of expectations in the December quarter survey also allows the derivation of a composite estimate (6 months actual plus 6 months expectations) for that financial year.

The following table shows the forward estimates made with the December 1996 collection.

**EXPECTED PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

	6 months to June 1997	1996-97	1997-98
<i>Selected industries and type of asset</i>	\$m	\$m	\$m
Mining	140	280	228
Manufacturing	642	1 051	702
Other	502	1 240	857
Total expenditure	1 284	2 571	1 787
Buildings etc.	302	596	511
Equipment etc.	982	1 975	1 276

Once actual expenditure for a financial year is known, it is useful to investigate the relationship between previous expectations and the expenditure that was actually incurred. The resultant realisation ratios (subsequent actual expenditure divided by expected expenditure) then indicates how much expenditure was actually incurred against the amount expected to be incurred at various times of reporting.

Realisation ratios provide an important tool in understanding and interpreting statistics for future periods. The application of realisation ratios enables the adjustment of expectation data for known under (or over) realisation patterns in the past and hence provides a valid basis for comparison with other expectation data and actual expenditure estimates.

The following table shows the average realisation ratios over the past 4 years for the composite estimate (6 months actual and 6 months expected) and the 12 month expectation from the December quarter surveys.

**RATIOS OF ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO EXPECTED PRIVATE NEW
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET - 4 YEAR
AVERAGES
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

<i>Selected industries and type of asset</i>	<i>Composite estimate</i>	<i>12 month expectation</i>
Mining	0.9	1.18
Manufacturing	0.97	1.06
Other	0.98	1.58
Total expenditure	0.96	1.25
Buildings etc.	0.96	1.53
Equipment etc.	0.96	1.19

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Indicator		Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA			SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			No.	% change from Same period previous year		No.	% change from Same period previous year			
				Previous period	year		Previous period	year		
State Accounts										
Gross domestic product (I)										
Current prices	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	9,816	15.5	-1.1	135,799	9.9	5.3	7.2	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	7,712	0.6	1.5	111,471	0.6	3.2	6.9	1
Wages, salaries and supplements										
Current prices trend	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	4,431	0.9	2.4	63,684	1.8	6.9	7.0	1
Private final consumption expenditure										
Current prices	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	6,120	6.0	1.0	81,884	5.9	3.7	7.5	1
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	4,925	0.0	0.8	66,278	0.3	2.4	7.4	1
Private gross fixed capital expenditure										
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Dec. 96 qtr	1,142	8.0	26.9	20,364	2.0	11.4	5.6	1
International Accounts										
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m	Feb. 97	502.3	32.7	1.5	6,101.1	5.5	6.2	8.2	2
Imports	\$m	Feb. 97	304.0	1.2	19.7	6,097.7	-5.1	-1.7	5.0	2
Consumption and Investment										
Retail Turnover										
Current prices original	\$m	Feb. 97	673.0	-10.6	-2.7	9,250.0	-9.8	-0.7	7.3	3
Current prices trend	\$m	Feb. 97	763.9	0.3	0.7	10,376.9	0.6	2.4	7.4	3
1989-90 prices original	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	2,132.7	14.8	-3.8	28,726.4	15.0	0.2	7.4	3
New motor vehicle registrations										
Original	No.	Feb. 97	3,827	30.1	-0.1	54,861	18.8	3.1	7.0	4
Trend	No.	Feb. 97	3,790	3.1	2.2	56,468	1.4	5.5	6.7	4
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices original	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	658	4.4	22.3	11,342	10.8	14.1	5.8	6
Current prices trend	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	641	5.4	51.5	10,611	-0.3	14.7	6.0	6
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	1995-96	1,804	..	-14.3	38,601	..	12.5	4.7	6
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	43.3	15.2	0.6	946.1	5.5	8.3	4.6	5
Production										
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original	No.	Feb. 97	472	34.5	-2.9	10,638	5.3	5.2	4.4	7
Trend	No.	Feb. 97	473	-1.7	2.4	11,649	1.6	13.9	4.1	7
New dwelling units commenced	No.	Dec. qtr 96	1,517	14.8	-4.4	31,438	3.8	3.0	4.8	8a
Value of non-residential building approvals	\$m	Feb. 97	53.1	26.7	221.8	935.7	-9.5	-14.0	5.7	7
Value of total building activity										
Commenced	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	273.5	14.4	-4.8	7,057.3	8.3	15.4	3.9	8
Work done	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	344.6	21.7	5.2	7,214.8	3.3	1.1	4.8	8
Work yet to be done	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	345.0	-14.0	11.7	9,517.6	1.3	14.4	3.6	8
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	186.1	23.1	11.8	3,762.3	-1.9	0.0	4.9	9
Manufacturing production										
Electricity (SA and NT)	mill. kWh	Feb. 97	858	7.0	15.6	13,421	-6.9	0.5	6.4	10
Cheese	tonnes	Feb. 97	2,043	-19.4	-57.5	21,944	-15.1	2.7	9.3	10
Red meat	tonnes	Feb. 97	18,961	5.4	-9.4	221,430	8.9	-1.2	8.6	11
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum)	\$m	Dec. qtr 96	8.0	48.1	21.2	309.5	12.9	35.0	2.6	12

Indicator		Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA			SA as a % of Australia	Source index
			No.	% change from		No.	% change from			
				Previous period	Same previous year		Previous period	Same previous year		
Prices										
CPI - All groups	1989-90=100	Mar. qtr 97	122.6	0.0	0.8	120.5	0.2	1.3	..	13
Price index of materials used in house building	1989-90=100	Feb. 97	120.7	0.2	2.4	116.0	0.2	0.6	..	14
Price index of materials used in building other than houses	1989-90=100	Feb. 97	114.6	0.1	1.7	113.5	0.4	0.6	..	15
Price index of established houses	1989-90=100	Dec. qtr 96	106.7	-1.0	-0.7	114.3	0.3	1.7	..	16
Price index of project homes	1989-90=100	Dec. qtr 96	107.3	-3.6	-4.8	109.1	-0.3	-0.3	..	16
Labour Force and Demography										
Population (resident at end qtr)	'000	Sep. qtr 96	1,480.2	0.1	0.4	18,348.7	0.3	1.3	8.1	17
Labour force										
Original	'000	Mar. 97	738.7	0.5	1.6	9,238.7	-0.2	1.4	8.0	18
Trend	'000	Mar. 97	732.7	0.2	0.9	9,211.9	0.1	1.4	8.0	18
Employed persons										
Original	'000	Mar. 97	667.6	1.1	1.4	8,393.3	0.5	1.1	8.0	18
Trend	'000	Mar. 97	664.0	0.2	0.9	8,410.6	0.0	1.2	7.9	18
Participation rate										
Original (a)	%	Mar. 97	62.5	0.3	0.6	63.7	-0.2	-0.1	..	18
Trend (a)	%	Mar. 97	62.0	0.1	0.1	63.5	0.0	-0.1	..	18
Unemployment rate										
Original (a)	%	Mar. 97	9.6	-0.5	0.1	9.2	-0.6	0.3	..	18
Trend (a)	%	Mar. 97	9.4	0.0	0.0	8.7	0.0	0.2	..	18
Job vacancies	'000	Feb. 97	3.7	42.3	37.0	62.6	0.5	-2.0	5.9	19
Average weekly overtime per employee working overtime	hours	Feb. 97	6.6	2.3	3.9	7.1	-1.0	-0.7	..	19
Industrial disputes	'000 working days lost	Jan. 97	1.9	72.7	533.3	23.3	-15.6	16.5	8.2	20
Short-term overseas visitors arrivals	No.	Jan. 97	7,876	-24.3	22.4	342,888	-26.3	8.1	2.3	21
Short-term resident departures	No.	Jan. 97	7,497	-40.3	-8.0	194,427	-34.1	10.6	3.9	21
Incomes										
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)										
Original	\$	Nov. 96	639.50	1.1	3.8	685.60	1.3	3.9	..	22
Trend	\$	Nov. 96	637.80	0.4	3.2	686.50	1.1	4.0	..	22
Award rates of pay index (full-time adults, weekly)	Jun.1985=100	Feb. 97	149.9	0.1	1.4	147.1	0.0	1.3	..	23
Financial markets										
Secured housing finance	\$m	Feb. 97	263.0	6.6	-7.8	4,264.7	7.2	1.7	6.2	24
Finance commitments										
Personal	\$m	Feb. 97	214.4	-3.0	18.0	2,867.0	4.5	10.2	7.5	25
Commercial	\$m	Feb. 97	410.8	0.4	-8.2	10,903.3	-8.6	4.1	3.8	25
Lease	\$m	Feb. 97	15.3	11.5	-34.9	580.7	3.9	-2.5	2.6	25
Interest rates										
Banks new housing loans (a)	%	Mar. 97	..	..	..	7.55	0.0	-3.0	..	26
Banks business loans (a)										
small, medium sized business	%	Mar. 97	..	..	..	9.75	0.0	-1.5	..	26
large business	%	Mar. 97	9.30	0.0	-1.5	..	26

(a) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

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South Australian Merchandise Trade - Part 1, Imports

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Introduction

This is the first of two articles on South Australia's international merchandise trade. Part 1 has focused on merchandise imports for South Australia with some mention initially of the relationship with exports, whilst Part 2 concentrates on exports.

International merchandise trade statistics are compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from information submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the Australian Customs Service as required by the Customs Act.

In these articles, merchandise export statistics relate to goods for which the final stage of production or manufacture occurred in South Australia and exclude re-exported goods. For exports, country refers to the country to which the goods were consigned at the time of export. For imports, country refers to the country of origin or production of the goods. Merchandise imports include goods where South Australia was the State of final destination.

The export and import commodity data in this article are classified according to the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC) unless otherwise stated.

The value of exports is the free-on-board (f.o.b.) transactions value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars while the value of imports is the Australian Customs value.

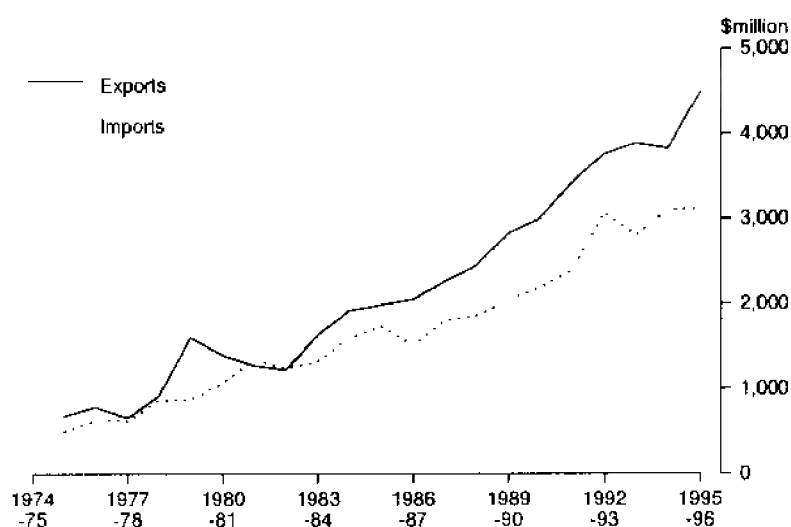
Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total export or import figures but may affect commodity details for State or Country.

Australia has an integrated economy and goods are traded freely across interstate boundaries and the full extent of these flows is presently unmeasured. This article deals only with those goods recorded by Customs as having South Australia as the State of final destination. In 1995-96 the value of such recorded imports for South Australia was \$3,114 million including \$2,500 million worth of merchandise discharged in the State, i.e. at least \$600 million of recorded imports was landed in other States. Excluded from the statistics is merchandise imported into other States, recorded against those States, and subsequently moved to South Australia. An example might be goods distributed by a retailer with a national distribution centre interstate. On the other hand the statistics would be overstated by the inclusion of goods imported into South Australia and forwarded interstate.

Merchandise Trade

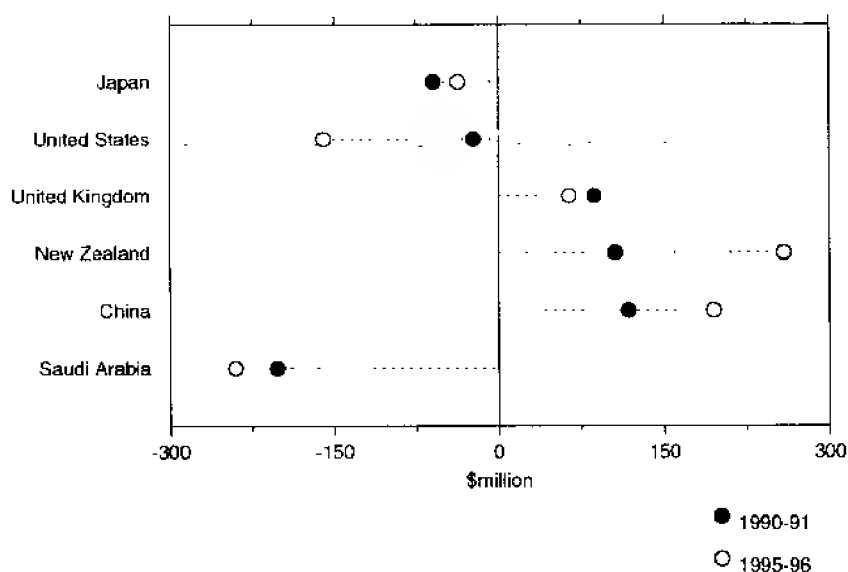
In 1995-96 South Australia's merchandise exports increased by 17.4% to \$4,496.9 million while merchandise imports rose 0.5% to \$3,114.3 million when compared with 1994-95. This represents a record merchandise trade surplus of \$1,382.6 million for 1995-96 following a \$729.8 million surplus the previous year.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MERCHANDISE TRADE



South Australia's merchandise exports have increased by 126% since 1985-86 while imports have risen by 79%. Over the same period, Australia has had a similar (132%) increase in merchandise exports, but a larger increase than South Australia in imports (124%).

In trade with its major trading partners, South Australia recorded merchandise trade deficits with Japan (\$36.9 million), the United States (\$159.6 million) and Saudi Arabia (\$240.5 million) in 1995-96. Merchandise trade surpluses were recorded with United Kingdom (\$64.2 million), China (\$195.2 million) and New Zealand (\$258.7 million). While the size of the deficits and surplus has varied between 1990-91 and 1995-96, there has been no change in the countries with which South Australia has recorded deficits and surpluses. This is illustrated in the graph below.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BALANCE ON MERCHANDISE TRADE BY COUNTRY
(Exports less Imports)

By comparison, Australia's trade with its major trading partners in 1995-96 produced deficits with the United States of America (\$12,927 million), the United Kingdom (\$2,054 million) and China (\$128 million) and a merchandise trade surplus with Japan (\$5,605 million), the Republic of Korea (\$4,321 million) and New Zealand (\$2,013 million).

Merchandise Imports by Commodity

The largest commodity group in 1995-96 was other manufactured goods with a value of \$728.1 million or 23% of total merchandise imports for South Australia. The value of this group has increased by 29% from 1994-95 and 111% since 1988-89 compared with a 0.5% and 67% rise for all South Australian imports. Other manufactured goods account for almost the same amount (23%) of the national total of merchandise imports. Transport equipment (excluding road vehicles) is the major component of other manufactured goods with imports valued at \$192.9 million in 1995-96. Of this, aircraft and associated equipment made up \$183.2 million increasing from \$14.4 million in 1988-89. Imports of professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, not elsewhere specified (n.e.s.) were valued at \$103.7 million in 1995-96, an increase of 154% since 1988-89. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s., which were valued at \$98.1 million in 1995-96 included articles of plastics, n.e.s. (\$28.0 million) and printed matter (\$25.7 million). Imports of paper and paperboard was also an important contributor to the value of other manufactured goods valued at \$72.5 million in 1995-96.

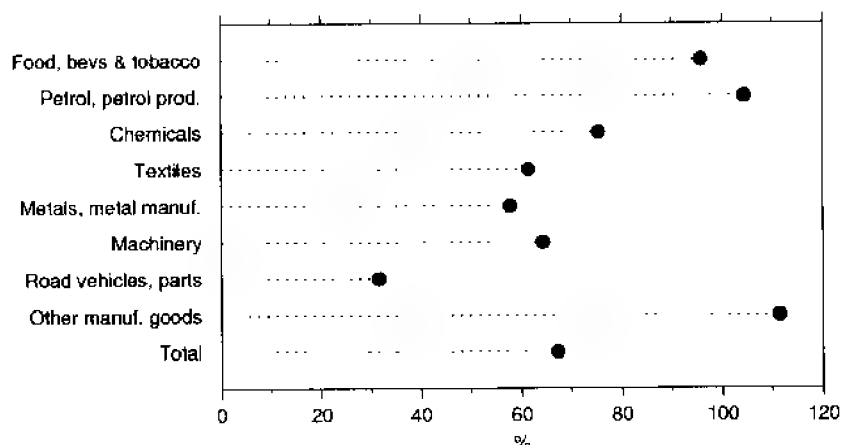
Machinery was the second largest commodity group in 1995-96 with 22% of all South Australian imports. Nationally machinery was the major import group with around 33% of all Australian imports in 1995-96. The major components of machinery imports into South Australia are general industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s. with \$186.8 million in 1995-96. The next most significant component is electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances and parts with a customs value of \$173.2 million. The largest increase has been in the power generating machinery and equipment division which has risen from \$44.4 million in 1988-89 to \$126.9 million in 1995-96.

PROPORTION OF IMPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS

Commodity group	South Australia		Australia	
	1988-89	1995-96	1988-89	1995-96
	%	%	%	%
Food, beverages and tobacco	3	4	5	4
Petroleum and petroleum products	9	11	4	5
Chemicals	8	8	11	11
Textiles	3	2	4	3
Metals and metal manufactures	7	7	6	5
Machinery	22	22	29	33
Road vehicles, parts and accessories	22	18	10	10
Other manufactured goods	18	23	25	24

Road vehicles, parts and accessories was the largest commodity group from 1992-93 to 1994-95 but fell to be the third largest in 1995-96. However, in 1995-96 this group still made up 18% of total South Australian imports compared to 10% of Australian imports. The largest contributor to this group was parts and accessories of road vehicles (excluding motorcycles, trailers and semi-trailers) which fell 44% from \$398.4 million in 1994-95 to \$222.7 million in 1995-96. Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons was the second biggest component of the road vehicles, parts and accessories group with imports of \$165.7 million in 1995-96, however this has also fallen from a high of \$197.0 million in 1994-95. In contrast, imports of motor vehicles for the transport of goods and special purpose motor vehicles increased marginally to \$137.8 million in 1995-96.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN IMPORTS - 1988-89 TO 1995-96
SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS



South Australian imports of petroleum and petroleum products increased to \$346.4 million in 1995-96. This is a commodity group which has fluctuated greatly in recent years making up just 9% of the value of total imports in 1988-89 and more than 19% in 1990-91. These fluctuations have been partly the result of petroleum price variations particularly over the period of the Gulf war. Nationally, petroleum and petroleum products have been less significant as an import commodity group constituting between 4% and 6% of total Australian imports since 1988-89.

Chemicals made up 8% of South Australian imports and 11% of Australian imports in 1995-96. South Australia imported \$254.1 million of chemicals, including \$117.2 million worth of fertilisers. These imports of fertilisers were predominantly diammonium phosphate (\$54.6 million, up from \$14.9 million in 1988-89) and urea (\$23.4 million, up from \$3.9 million in 1988-89).

Metals and metal manufactures were the sixth largest import commodity group in 1995-96 with a value of \$213.5 million. The breakdown of the commodity group was iron and steel \$105.8 million, manufactures of metal n.e.s. \$87.2 million and non-ferrous metals \$20.5 million.

South Australia imported \$118.2 million of food, beverages and tobacco in 1995-96 with the major components being \$31.7 million of fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof, \$27.3 million of beverages (consisting predominantly of whisky and wine imports) and \$19.1 million of vegetables and fruit.

The smallest import commodity group for South Australia in 1995-96 was textiles with a value of \$76.8 million. Cotton fabrics made up \$22.2 million of this total.

Imports by Country

Historically, the United Kingdom was the traditional source of South Australian and Australian imports. Before 1900, imports from the United Kingdom constituted more than half of total South Australian imports with this proportion as high as 90% in the 1860s. From 1963-64 until 1970-71 the United States became South Australia's major source of imports, while the United Kingdom, Japan, Saudi Arabia and United States all held that position at different times during the rest of the 1970s. For the past 13 years Japan has been the dominant source of South Australia's imports providing between 23% and 39% of total imports. In 1995-96, Japan comprised 23% of total imports (with a value of \$709.8 million), followed by United States 14%, Saudi Arabia 10% and the United Kingdom 7%.

In contrast Australia's main source of imports in 1995-96 was the United States as it has been for the past ten years while Saudi Arabia has not been a major source of imports for Australia.

While South Australian imports increased by less than 1%, in 1995-96, the most significant change was a 28% fall in imports from Japan with the customs value decreasing from \$984.4 million to \$709.8 million (the lowest level since 1991-92). Imports from Canada increased by a huge 316% from \$28.6 million to \$119.3 million, while imports from the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia and the United States increased by 49%, 39% and 6% respectively.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS, PROPORTIONS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	1965-66	1970-71	1975-76	1980-81	1985-86	1990-91	1995-96
Country	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Japan	7	14	19	20	39	23	23
United States	27	17	15	13	15	16	14
Saudi Arabia	11	9	21	37	8	11	10
United Kingdom	23	25	11	5	5	5	7
Germany	5	5	5	4	5	7	4
Canada	6	6	2	2	1	1	4
New Zealand	1	2	2	1	2	3	4
China	—	—	—	—	1	1	3

New Zealand and China have risen in importance as sources of imports for South Australia in recent years. New Zealand made up just over 1% of total South Australian imports in 1965-66. However this increased to 3% by 1990-91 and is currently at 4%, despite a 12% fall over the past year. China has become more significant in the past 10 years with South Australia importing \$98.1 million in 1995-96 (3% of total imports) compared to just \$9.4 million (less than 1% of total imports) in 1985-86.

Imports by Country and Commodity Japan

Japan continues to be the source of the majority (74% in 1995-96) of South Australian imports of road vehicles, parts and accessories despite a decrease in 1995-96 of over \$200 million from the previous year. Japan is also the major supplier of machinery, and metals and metal manufactures imports with \$137.9 million and \$91.5 million respectively in 1995-96.

United States

The United States is the main source of South Australian imports of chemicals. In 1995-96, \$119.0 million of chemicals were imported from the United States compared to \$19.1 million from the next highest country, Saudi Arabia. South Australia also imported \$108.1 million of other manufactured goods from the United States in 1995-96, of which \$48.6 million was professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.

Saudi Arabia

South Australia has traditionally imported a large proportion of its petroleum and petroleum products from Saudi Arabia. In 1995-96, \$300 million or 87% of total imports of this commodity group came from Saudi Arabia. Over the past 5 years, South Australia has begun to import chemicals from Saudi Arabia with \$19.1 million in 1995-96 following \$6.5 million in 1994-95. This is the first time in the past thirty years that South Australia has imported a substantial value of any commodity group from Saudi Arabia other than petroleum and petroleum products.

United Kingdom

The largest commodity group imported from the United Kingdom in 1995-96 was other manufactured goods with a value of \$98.1 million. The major component of this was imports of mechanically propelled aeroplanes and other aircraft which were valued at \$54.8 million.

IMPORTS BY COUNTRY AND SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP, 1995-96

Commodity group	Japan \$m	United States \$m	Saudi Arabia \$m	United Kingdom \$m	Germany \$m	Canada \$m	New Zealand \$m	China \$m
Food, beverages and tobacco	0.1	11.6	-	6.8	1.4	1.5	13.9	2.1
Petrol and petrol. products	0.3	0.1	300.3	0.1	-	-	2.7	-
Chemicals	7.0	119.0	19.1	11.0	19.0	12.8	8.6	3.9
Textiles	6.2	8.2	-	2.0	0.5	0.8	2.2	21.4
Metals and metal manufactures	91.5	14.7	-	8.0	28.5	2.7	20.9	4.1
Machinery	137.9	117.1	0.2	86.8	42.7	8.9	18.1	26.2
Road vehicles and accessories	404.3	35.3	-	6.8	19.6	0.9	2.1	2.3
Other manuf. goods	47.0	108.1	-	98.1	23.7	71.1	41.4	34.6

Canada

Imports from Canada increased by over 300% in 1995-96 and this was largely the result of an increase in other manufactured goods which rose from \$3.2 million in 1994-95 to \$71.1 million in 1995-96. Mechanically propelled aeroplanes and other aircraft imports were valued at \$59.1 million while imports of ships, boats and floating structures were valued \$7.9 million after both being zero in 1994-95.

Germany

South Australia imported \$42.7 million of machinery and \$28.5 million of metals and metal manufactures from Germany in 1995-96.

New Zealand

New Zealand was the major source of imports of food and beverages for South Australia in 1995-96 with a value of \$13.9 million. This included vegetables and fruit, \$4.5 million, and fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates and preparations \$4.4 million.

China

China was the main source of textiles imports in 1995-96, providing \$21.4 million of textiles, an increase of \$8.0 million from the value for 1994-95. The main component of these textile imports was woven cotton fabrics with a value of \$15.0 million.

Conclusion

Over the past eight years the import commodity groups have remained relatively consistent with the major three (other manufactured goods; machinery; and road vehicles, parts and accessories) continuing to contribute around 60% of total South Australian imports.

South Australia conducts trade with a wide range of countries. Since the mid-1950s South Australia's trading partners have become more diverse, with the reliance on the United Kingdom as a source of imports being less pronounced. Prior to the 1939-45 War the value of imports from United Kingdom consistently ranged between 40% to 60% of total South Australian imports but the emergence of Japan as an industrialised power and trading nation has resulted in that country becoming a major source of imports for South Australia and Australia as well as being a predominant destination for our exports. Japan, United States of America and Saudi Arabia represent approximately 50% of South Australia's total imports, the remaining 50% are split amongst a number of countries. Imports in the vicinity of \$20 million to \$60 million a year are imported from a number of European Union countries, South East Asia and the Middle East. The strengthening of the economies of developing countries has seen an increase in imports from China, Korea and Thailand which has also resulted in new markets for South Australian exports. The June edition of South Australian Economic Indicators will contain Part 2 of this article pertaining to South Australian exports.

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES South Australia

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (1)	Wages, salaries and supplements
	Private	Public	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$ million)							
1986-87	12,470	4,203	3,255	1,287	21,215	20,609	10,602
1987-88	13,748	4,392	3,964	1,196	23,300	22,828	11,230
1988-89	15,248	4,649	4,151	1,429	25,477	25,526	12,546
1989-90	16,474	5,003	4,488	1,577	27,542	27,969	13,954
1990-91	18,122	5,477	4,234	1,529	29,362	28,429	14,746
1991-92	18,958	5,812	4,021	1,429	30,220	28,719	14,718
1992-93	19,493	5,971	3,980	1,371	30,815	29,991	15,131
1993-94	20,464	6,680	4,007	1,191	32,342	31,979	16,243
1994-95	21,674	6,773	4,849	1,223	34,502	33,403	16,607
1995-96	22,916	6,809	4,082	1,069	34,876	35,469	17,318
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1987-88	10.2	4.5	21.8	-7.1	9.8	10.8	5.9
1988-89	10.9	5.9	4.7	19.5	9.3	11.8	11.7
1989-90	8.0	7.6	8.1	10.4	8.1	9.6	11.2
1990-91	10.0	9.5	-5.7	-3.0	6.6	1.6	5.7
1991-92	4.6	6.1	-5.0	-6.5	2.9	1.0	-0.2
1992-93	2.8	2.7	-1.0	-4.1	2.0	4.4	2.8
1993-94	5.0	11.9	0.7	-13.1	5.0	6.6	7.3
1994-95	5.9	1.4	21.0	2.7	6.7	4.5	2.2
1995-96	5.7	0.5	-15.8	-12.6	1.1	6.2	4.3
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1993 - 94 -							
March	4,968	1,503	940	255	7,666	7,794	3,916
June	5,084	1,923	1,038	390	8,435	8,029	4,195
1994 - 95 -							
September	5,244	1,653	1,146	246	8,289	8,169	4,151
December	5,641	1,697	1,531	294	9,163	8,803	4,108
March	5,263	1,559	1,064	317	8,203	8,092	4,087
June	5,509	1,864	1,108	366	8,847	8,339	4,261
1995 - 96 -							
September	5,643	1,747	927	199	8,516	8,328	4,223
December	6,061	1,716	1,196	232	9,205	9,926	4,475
March	5,499	1,622	887	259	8,267	8,485	4,226
June	5,713	1,724	1,072	379	8,888	8,730	4,394
1996 - 97 -							
September	5,773	1,681	1,066	205	8,725	8,500	4,375
December	6,120	1,735	1,288	228	9,371	9,816	4,525
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)							
1993 - 94 -							
March	5,154	1,675	983	293	8,105	8,043	4,073
June	5,192	1,708	1,074	291	8,265	8,173	4,108
1994 - 95 -							
September	5,250	1,709	1,206	306	8,471	8,256	4,112
December	5,351	1,688	1,272	320	8,631	8,291	4,118
March	5,477	1,688	1,206	309	8,680	8,355	4,153
June	5,596	1,722	1,089	281	8,688	8,505	4,220
1995 - 96 -							
September	5,673	1,744	1,018	260	8,695	8,712	4,289
December	5,711	1,733	1,008	262	8,714	8,866	4,327
March	5,740	1,697	1,013	272	8,722	8,915	4,353
June	5,765	1,680	1,051	270	8,766	8,894	4,367
1996 - 97 -							
September	5,786	1,683	1,104	264	8,837	8,902	4,391
December	5,803	1,702	1,168	260	8,933	8,949	4,431
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND							
1993 - 94 -							
June	0.7	2.0	9.3	-0.7	2.0	1.6	0.9
1994 - 95 -							
September	1.1	0.1	12.3	5.2	2.5	1.0	0.1
December	1.9	-1.2	5.5	4.6	1.9	0.4	0.1
March	2.4	0.0	-5.2	-3.4	0.6	0.8	0.8
June	2.2	2.0	-9.7	-9.1	0.1	1.8	1.6
1995 - 96 -							
September	1.4	1.3	-6.5	-7.5	0.1	2.4	1.6
December	0.7	-0.6	-1.0	0.8	0.2	1.8	0.9
March	0.5	-2.1	0.5	3.8	0.1	0.6	0.6
June	0.4	-1.0	3.8	-0.7	0.5	-0.2	0.3
1996 - 97 -							
September	0.4	0.2	5.0	-2.2	0.8	0.1	0.5
December	0.3	1.1	5.8	-1.5	1.1	0.5	0.9

STATE ACCOUNTS AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES
South Australia

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (f)
	Private	Public	Private	Public		
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1986-87	14,958	4,850	3,621	1,442	24,871	25,260
1987-88	15,451	4,877	4,247	1,304	25,879	25,959
1988-89	16,084	4,879	4,279	1,500	26,742	26,720
1989-90	16,474	5,003	4,488	1,577	27,542	27,969
1990-91	17,169	5,210	4,093	1,480	27,592	27,697
1991-92	17,447	5,328	3,849	1,364	27,988	27,023
1992-93	17,491	5,358	3,696	1,291	27,836	28,077
1993-94	18,063	5,696	3,644	1,135	28,538	29,004
1994-95	18,842	5,831	4,410	1,156	30,239	29,064
1995-96	19,581	5,766	3,681	1,006	30,034	30,331
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1987-88	3.3	0.6	17.3	-9.8	4.1	2.8
1988-89	4.1	0.0	0.8	15.0	3.3	2.9
1989-90	2.4	2.5	4.9	5.1	3.0	4.7
1990-91	4.2	4.1	-8.8	-6.2	0.2	-1.0
1991-92	1.6	2.3	-6.0	-7.8	1.4	-2.4
1992-93	0.3	0.6	-4.0	-5.4	-0.5	3.9
1993-94	3.3	6.3	-1.4	-12.1	2.5	3.3
1994-95	4.3	2.4	21.0	1.9	6.0	0.2
1995-96	3.9	-1.1	-16.5	-13.0	-0.7	4.4
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1993 - 94 -						
March	4,381	1,323	848	245	6,797	7,015
June	4,469	1,595	938	373	7,375	7,086
1994 - 95 -						
September	4,594	1,423	1,041	235	7,293	7,134
December	4,926	1,446	1,425	281	8,078	7,783
March	4,560	1,367	952	297	7,176	6,952
June	4,762	1,595	992	343	7,692	7,195
1995 - 96 -						
September	4,839	1,484	839	190	7,352	7,161
December	5,182	1,464	1,055	219	7,920	8,513
March	4,685	1,380	807	243	7,115	7,252
June	4,875	1,438	980	354	7,647	7,405
1996 - 97 -						
September	4,909	1,418	1,032	192	7,551	7,302
December	5,185	1,438	1,258	213	8,094	8,641
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1993 - 94 -						
June	4,566	1,447	974	279	7,266	7,264
1994 - 95 -						
September	4,603	1,455	1,103	292	7,453	7,239
December	4,670	1,452	1,163	303	7,588	7,205
March	4,755	1,463	1,095	291	7,604	7,238
June	4,832	1,484	977	266	7,559	7,342
1995 - 96 -						
September	4,873	1,490	907	246	7,516	7,494
December	4,887	1,468	900	247	7,502	7,599
March	4,899	1,428	915	255	7,497	7,630
June	4,916	1,407	975	253	7,551	7,633
1996 - 97 -						
September	4,924	1,409	1,057	246	7,636	7,663
December	4,925	1,425	1,142	242	7,734	7,712
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1994 - 95 -						
September	0.8	0.6	13.2	4.7	2.6	-0.3
December	1.5	-0.2	5.4	3.8	1.8	-0.5
March	1.8	0.8	-5.8	-4.0	0.2	0.5
June	1.6	1.4	-10.8	-8.6	-0.6	1.4
1995 - 96 -						
September	0.8	0.4	-7.2	-7.5	-0.6	2.1
December	0.3	-1.5	-0.8	0.4	-0.2	1.4
March	0.2	-2.7	1.7	3.2	-0.1	0.4
June	0.3	-1.5	6.6	-0.8	0.7	0.0
1996 - 97 -						
September	0.2	0.1	8.4	-2.8	1.1	0.4
December	0.0	1.1	8.0	-1.6	1.3	0.6

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Cereals and cereal preparations</i>	<i>Wine</i>	<i>Wool and sheepskins</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Metals and metal manu- factures</i>	<i>Fish and crustaceans</i>	<i>Road vehicles, parts and accessories</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Total</i>
ANNUAL										
1988-89	181,058	475,481	71,474	415,098	104,163	239,656	95,720	124,815	189,679	2,451,372
1989-90	244,374	724,369	73,484	285,650	111,944	371,136	111,760	161,704	188,105	2,828,091
1990-91	234,299	587,199	123,567	257,576	152,940	433,341	122,604	117,218	291,507	3,007,137
1991-92	270,237	565,582	165,914	351,096	176,536	489,030	147,532	137,091	341,477	3,431,139
1992-93	282,181	573,375	192,255	318,989	211,426	490,594	154,608	338,359	372,445	3,760,602
1993-94	324,796	436,517	238,366	290,963	223,760	462,355	186,861	351,229	276,473	3,889,783
1994-95	307,785	261,052	250,527	301,645	285,309	571,094	191,386	332,321	285,310	3,829,336
1995-96	244,508	712,981	318,456	239,857	340,205	610,899	196,629	249,237	220,915	4,498,047
MONTHLY										
1995 - 96 -										
December	29,693	88,006	26,673	27,886	29,847	72,205	17,242	26,274	17,869	482,917
January	19,138	91,819	15,991	19,532	19,121	48,458	19,458	6,120	7,998	392,722
February	23,461	97,112	24,508	16,038	28,454	51,287	17,828	16,490	31,446	494,862
March	24,273	123,123	29,605	19,495	38,227	58,078	19,701	24,974	5,211	470,200
April	19,866	65,951	28,161	20,765	29,838	35,488	11,760	21,089	37,852	364,547
May	17,268	98,946	25,889	18,360	30,253	56,133	14,305	20,508	18,602	400,186
June	13,508	32,283	35,428	21,076	30,702	53,314	11,403	18,201	12,412	351,664
1996 - 97 -										
July	11,235	58,143	28,756	16,929	28,499	37,616	10,316	44,328	25,877	364,698
August	9,355	43,401	41,848	12,545	33,395	53,358	10,441	23,287	19,738	353,953
September	10,417	43,146	38,598	16,764	31,937	35,430	10,554	36,844	6,262	315,952
October	14,918	44,596	40,663	22,219	26,217	46,325	16,063	75,999	20,187	425,349
November	18,391	23,256	25,746	22,961	32,093	46,400	16,170	99,763	41,799	443,094
December	21,045	85,160	34,865	30,635	45,311	60,849	15,987	70,076	17,719	533,480
January	13,675	108,003	21,361	17,662	18,299	33,625	20,325	46,805	4,008	378,672
February	16,865	124,532	30,291	21,114	26,078	39,216	20,248	58,159	43,524	502,335

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COUNTRIES
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	United States	Middle East	European Community	New Zealand	Japan	East Asia				Total East Asia
			United Kingdom			European Community Total	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	
ANNUAL										
1988-89	184,903	397,324	108,635	355,669	230,263	390,207	51,975	55,474	240,507	869,226
1989-90	229,169	551,953	121,319	412,855	289,970	359,643	86,303	49,273	277,659	929,209
1990-91	321,032	325,450	186,353	480,714	179,193	438,970	146,434	80,640	403,754	1,284,576
1991-92	300,139	381,761	220,048	550,258	214,522	647,674	148,308	108,583	437,670	1,627,108
1992-93	352,764	314,049	237,520	594,701	288,421	649,684	208,135	171,803	487,174	1,820,065
1993-94	393,611	280,499	263,092	571,047	311,999	625,481	220,211	165,163	533,977	1,898,975
1994-95	329,878	184,342	246,118	553,051	376,262	682,937	177,875	193,014	551,433	2,004,013
1995-96	279,555	525,348	287,725	692,044	376,628	672,885	293,322	202,016	572,418	2,057,505
MONTHLY										
1995 - 96 -										
December	27,920	110,671	22,035	66,857	35,283	49,304	17,528	20,841	77,182	187,796
January	19,707	84,056	12,780	44,747	19,038	65,270	29,109	16,119	32,922	180,611
February	23,556	107,885	31,326	78,448	27,767	57,813	37,042	19,718	61,310	202,872
March	24,868	51,582	25,976	65,053	36,575	58,325	58,657	21,623	34,897	203,683
April	21,849	38,851	22,902	43,787	26,360	53,273	36,243	18,290	50,280	187,633
May	20,722	8,796	22,925	60,081	33,390	69,732	28,586	21,158	38,464	186,064
June	27,622	27,415	39,268	81,921	27,726	51,133	10,310	15,755	40,698	142,070
1996 - 97 -										
July	26,282	19,794	23,491	40,076	58,200	37,820	13,448	14,210	62,818	154,050
August	24,015	30,364	28,940	57,177	39,337	51,371	17,025	20,786	42,580	158,897
September	45,323	32,344	25,007	41,103	26,836	36,244	13,183	18,520	37,438	128,281
October	74,333	30,300	28,488	58,552	40,476	67,667	20,077	12,605	45,513	173,478
November	100,557	23,047	32,472	56,564	33,269	57,248	17,778	27,441	64,683	189,066
December	71,171	81,329	28,905	65,676	27,377	59,079	41,383	21,755	47,731	198,611
January	47,449	83,789	13,223	29,005	32,525	31,045	17,395	16,334	28,190	118,293
February	57,129	66,064	22,803	49,200	29,204	53,577	26,734	22,888	74,034	203,600

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN
Final stage of production in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Manufacturing				Other industries/ confidential	Total
				Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing		
ANNUAL									
1988-89	891,978	107,269	515,739	176,037	260,978	270,215	96,203	132,953	2,451,372
1989-90	979,463	133,318	583,544	133,078	406,144	320,349	99,984	172,210	2,828,091
1990-91	804,154	120,930	599,030	264,813	474,541	336,500	155,351	251,818	3,007,137
1991-92	882,011	248,846	702,148	201,681	541,522	381,737	178,485	294,709	3,431,139
1992-93	883,725	294,586	766,518	195,387	509,303	641,930	178,726	290,427	3,760,602
1993-94	733,014	245,247	884,737	180,147	475,060	665,066	208,573	497,938	3,889,783
1994-95	592,129	268,537	886,337	186,661	584,838	711,529	243,314	355,991	3,829,336
1995-96	1,014,230	226,309	978,143	172,285	639,267	674,131	226,492	567,191	4,498,047
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
December	118,608	8,265	98,266	20,014	79,850	63,874	21,986	72,053	482,917
January	119,119	27,927	77,368	8,187	49,326	35,850	17,538	57,407	392,722
February	122,372	24,558	84,959	16,653	53,893	50,803	16,448	125,177	494,862
March	155,779	12,291	90,394	14,434	59,131	70,624	21,527	46,021	470,200
April	94,201	28,555	74,853	16,617	38,555	57,027	18,305	36,435	364,547
May	104,726	23,538	84,860	18,645	59,240	59,403	17,912	31,862	400,186
June	61,544	11,060	77,812	11,624	58,738	55,922	18,726	56,238	351,664
1996 - 97 -									
July	90,273	27,283	64,583	17,237	37,653	80,451	18,424	28,794	364,698
August	58,417	21,111	87,454	16,123	54,535	65,002	19,584	31,727	353,953
September	63,746	2,163	81,503	13,729	36,910	77,119	19,503	21,279	315,952
October	68,110	12,456	85,821	28,892	51,440	111,386	20,149	47,095	425,349
November	58,151	21,794	71,233	28,399	47,286	140,258	18,984	56,989	443,094
December	119,511	25,596	87,382	25,499	63,810	134,974	22,170	54,537	533,480
January	132,942	1,286	72,425	9,768	33,708	70,289	14,829	43,424	378,672
February	149,806	39,010	84,820	31,176	42,958	91,653	17,790	45,121	502,335

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP
Goods released from Customs control in South Australia
(\$'000)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum and petroleum products	Chemicals	Textiles	Metals and metal manu- factures	Machinery	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Other manu- factured goods	Total
ANNUAL									
1988-89	60,395	169,397	144,766	47,592	135,225	411,092	415,120	344,344	1,861,622
1989-90	71,796	203,654	167,154	49,249	147,969	462,885	414,800	399,437	2,050,024
1990-91	78,926	425,262	140,894	49,087	135,772	515,226	372,603	366,304	2,193,851
1991-92	82,095	362,777	153,574	62,884	151,165	523,848	435,121	513,012	2,396,954
1992-93	91,756	570,334	186,001	57,434	255,924	609,212	661,714	521,723	3,068,122
1993-94	99,177	404,626	200,225	60,172	160,937	595,238	663,617	484,590	2,803,446
1994-95	115,930	330,430	220,536	64,524	214,432	695,038	749,658	563,368	3,099,510
1995-96	118,237	346,397	254,102	76,847	213,487	675,869	546,445	728,096	3,114,309
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
December	11,964	44,318	14,105	4,193	11,216	43,339	48,448	78,622	272,071
January	10,464	23,714	22,404	5,206	16,968	71,580	40,787	52,901	252,230
February	8,386	43,261	20,499	5,920	18,823	49,981	35,606	61,576	254,005
March	8,874	64	35,531	5,560	19,237	54,101	42,833	49,765	242,808
April	9,155	42,010	30,060	5,999	16,164	53,368	47,497	60,585	275,216
May	10,336	32,580	19,662	5,993	17,306	67,725	35,970	63,905	266,206
June	7,669	21,616	15,891	6,713	18,888	52,873	45,012	85,729	261,521
1996 - 97 -									
July	10,309	31,507	13,842	7,463	17,070	66,901	42,448	62,917	265,195
August	14,251	54,974	16,395	6,952	24,177	70,218	55,143	50,007	307,628
September	10,374	23,728	12,227	7,797	18,393	69,155	39,198	101,391	290,140
October	15,412	50,886	14,652	6,584	18,722	72,043	48,332	47,013	283,952
November	13,043	25,966	14,885	5,017	21,111	76,050	42,335	58,619	267,080
December	13,768	47,488	25,644	5,443	12,397	75,882	33,169	82,404	310,378
January	9,998	24,997	24,986	8,025	20,886	107,396	42,245	52,393	300,408
February	9,788	52,630	16,660	6,070	20,511	95,959	46,402	46,923	304,038

TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS BY INDUSTRY
South Australia

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food retailing</i>	<i>Department stores</i>	<i>Clothing and soft good retailing</i>	<i>Household good retailing</i>	<i>Recreational good retailing</i>	<i>Other retailing</i>	<i>Hospitality and services</i>	<i>Total</i>
ANNUAL (\$ million)								
1986-87	2,240.3	893.8	396.8	601.0	229.7	332.3	862.0	5,555.9
1987-88	2,378.5	951.2	416.7	660.8	237.5	367.0	941.6	5,953.3
1988-89	2,534.9	971.8	462.2	726.6	268.5	420.7	1,019.1	6,403.8
1989-90	2,679.8	1,041.1	521.1	782.5	291.6	467.1	1,046.7	6,829.9
1990-91	2,978.2	1,069.0	543.9	778.8	303.9	497.7	1,111.2	7,282.7
1991-92	3,163.1	1,087.4	466.5	792.0	278.7	515.7	1,157.3	7,460.7
1992-93	3,018.5	1,101.5	434.2	783.3	311.2	617.4	1,132.7	7,398.8
1993-94	3,152.3	1,107.8	466.1	849.2	354.9	639.6	1,260.5	7,830.4
1994-95	3,360.7	1,128.7	524.0	881.1	359.0	737.8	1,562.3	8,553.6
1995-96	3,676.0	1,138.6	535.0	944.6	407.0	845.1	1,676.3	9,222.6
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995 - 96 -								
December	360.9	174.5	67.9	100.3	51.4	92.4	177.0	1,024.4
January	289.6	80.2	44.7	77.9	34.4	66.2	131.5	724.5
February	288.2	73.2	37.7	71.1	32.7	65.8	122.7	691.4
March	306.7	80.8	40.0	79.1	34.1	68.4	128.2	737.3
April	300.2	90.6	42.5	73.5	32.6	64.4	134.6	738.4
May	321.5	91.9	42.4	76.1	32.1	72.4	131.7	768.1
June	300.3	87.5	41.0	73.3	30.7	65.6	129.5	727.9
1996 - 97 -								
July	316.7	90.6	40.6	78.8	33.9	60.7	125.4	746.7
August	329.4	86.8	34.8	79.6	33.7	63.5	128.7	756.5
September	310.7	80.4	32.9	72.5	32.6	58.5	129.0	716.6
October	344.1	93.0	36.5	73.1	36.2	60.3	127.4	770.6
November	336.4	105.6	36.8	75.1	37.9	60.9	134.8	787.5
December	372.8	170.4	51.1	95.2	54.8	85.8	169.9	1,000.0
January	343.9	79.3	36.7	66.5	32.2	57.0	136.8	752.4
February	310.3	69.7	27.6	63.3	27.4	52.9	121.8	673.0
MONTHLY, TREND (\$ million)								
1995 - 96 -								
November	306.4	93.9	46.8	77.6	34.3	69.8	140.0	769.0
December	304.3	94.1	47.3	78.2	34.7	70.1	135.7	764.4
January	302.3	94.3	47.0	79.0	34.8	70.7	132.6	760.5
February	301.7	94.3	45.9	79.6	34.5	71.4	131.4	758.7
March	303.8	94.3	44.3	79.7	34.2	71.9	132.2	760.5
April	308.2	94.4	42.7	79.7	34.1	71.6	134.6	765.3
May	313.9	94.5	41.3	79.5	34.2	70.2	137.2	770.9
June	320.1	94.5	40.1	79.0	34.5	67.8	138.3	774.5
1996 - 97 -								
July	324.8	94.4	38.9	78.2	35.1	65.1	137.3	773.7
August	327.7	94.0	37.8	76.9	35.8	62.5	134.6	769.3
September	329.1	93.6	36.9	75.3	36.3	60.8	131.8	763.7
October	329.9	93.2	36.3	73.6	36.3	60.0	130.1	759.4
November	331.1	93.1	36.3	72.0	35.8	60.0	129.7	758.1
December	332.9	93.2	36.6	70.9	34.9	60.4	130.1	759.0
January	335.0	93.5	37.0	70.3	33.8	60.8	130.9	761.3
February	337.0	94.1	37.5	70.0	32.7	61.2	131.5	763.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
December	-0.7	0.2	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.4	-3.1	-0.6
January	-0.7	0.2	-0.6	1.0	0.3	0.9	-2.3	-0.5
February	-0.2	0.0	-2.3	0.8	-0.9	1.0	-0.9	-0.2
March	0.7	0.0	-3.5	0.1	-0.9	0.7	0.6	0.2
April	1.4	0.1	-3.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	1.8	0.6
May	1.8	0.1	-3.3	-0.3	0.3	-2.0	1.9	0.7
June	2.0	0.0	-2.9	-0.6	0.9	-3.4	0.8	0.5
1996 - 97 -								
July	1.5	-0.1	-3.0	-1.0	1.7	-4.0	-0.7	-0.1
August	0.9	-0.4	-2.8	-1.7	2.0	-4.0	-2.0	-0.6
September	0.4	-0.4	-2.4	-2.1	1.4	-2.7	-2.1	-0.7
October	0.2	-0.4	-1.6	-2.3	0.0	-1.3	-1.3	-0.6
November	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-2.2	-1.4	0.0	-0.3	-0.2
December	0.5	0.1	0.8	-1.5	-2.5	0.7	0.3	0.1
January	0.6	0.3	1.1	-0.8	-3.2	0.7	0.6	0.3
February	0.6	0.6	1.4	-0.4	-3.3	0.7	0.5	0.3

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE OF VEHICLE
South Australia

Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimate		
	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ANNUAL									
1986-87	29,788	6,430	36,218	..	..	..	..	..	..
1987-88	29,915	5,775	35,690						
1988-89	31,920	6,816	38,736						
1989-90	35,211	7,808	43,019						
1990-91	34,753	6,619	41,372						
1991-92	32,351	5,333	37,684						
1992-93	32,894	5,577	38,471						
1993-94	32,806	5,781	38,587						
1994-95	35,830	6,736	42,566						
1995-96	36,067	6,828	42,895						
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1987-88	0.4	-10.2	-1.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
1988-89	6.7	18.0	8.5						
1989-90	10.3	14.6	11.1						
1990-91	-1.3	-15.2	-3.8						
1991-92	-6.9	-19.4	-8.9						
1992-93	1.7	4.6	2.1						
1993-94	-0.3	3.7	0.3						
1994-95	9.2	16.5	10.3						
1995-96	0.7	1.4	0.8						
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
November	3,187	564	3,751	2,957	522	3,479	3,008	537	3,540
December	2,987	565	3,552	3,125	575	3,700	3,053	554	3,608
January	2,350	479	2,829	2,943	597	3,541	3,093	573	3,666
February	3,244	588	3,832	3,177	621	3,799	3,116	592	3,708
March	3,271	596	3,867	3,198	544	3,741	3,116	609	3,725
April	2,745	541	3,286	3,111	627	3,738	3,090	619	3,709
May	3,080	712	3,792	2,991	630	3,621	3,037	622	3,658
June	3,091	841	3,932	2,999	669	3,668	2,959	617	3,576
1996 - 97 -									
July	2,862	595	3,457	2,813	572	3,384	2,875	604	3,479
August	3,024	545	3,569	2,853	600	3,453	2,804	585	3,389
September	2,939	498	3,437	2,883	548	3,431	2,782	566	3,347
October	2,817	548	3,365	2,520	557	3,077	2,814	553	3,367
November	2,976	539	3,515	2,953	503	3,456	2,892	551	3,442
December	2,997	585	3,582	2,978	585	3,563	2,998	553	3,551
January	2,493	449	2,942	3,109	564	3,673	3,116	559	3,675
February	3,302	525	3,827	3,439	573	4,012	3,227	563	3,790
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH									
1995 - 96 -									
December	-6.3	0.2	-5.3	5.7	10.2	6.4	1.7	3.2	1.9
January	-21.3	-15.2	-20.4	-5.8	3.8	-4.3	1.3	3.4	1.6
February	38.0	22.8	35.5	8.0	4.0	7.3	0.7	3.3	1.1
March	0.8	1.4	0.9	0.7	-12.4	-1.5	0.0	2.9	0.5
April	-16.1	-9.2	-15.0	-2.7	15.3	-0.1	-0.8	1.6	-0.4
May	12.2	31.6	15.4	-3.9	0.5	-3.1	-1.7	0.5	-1.4
June	0.4	18.1	3.7	0.3	6.2	1.3	-2.6	-0.8	-2.2
1996 - 97 -									
July	-7.4	-29.3	-12.1	-6.2	-14.5	-7.7	-2.8	-2.1	-2.7
August	5.7	-8.4	3.2	1.4	4.9	2.0	-2.5	-3.1	-2.6
September	-2.8	-8.6	-3.7	1.1	-8.7	-0.6	-0.8	-3.2	-1.2
October	-4.2	10.0	-2.1	-12.6	1.6	-10.3	1.2	-2.3	0.6
November	5.6	-1.6	4.5	17.2	-9.7	12.3	2.8	-0.4	2.2
December	0.7	8.5	1.9	0.8	16.3	3.1	3.7	0.4	3.2
January	-16.8	-23.2	-17.9	4.4	-3.6	3.1	3.9	1.1	3.5
February	32.5	16.9	30.1	10.6	1.6	9.2	3.6	0.7	3.1

ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET
South Australia

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1990-91	122	742	988	1,852	628	1,224
1991-92	193	763	668	1,625	392	1,233
1992-93	218	564	739	1,522	416	1,105
1993-94	97	613	773	1,484	356	1,128
1994-95	115	829	1,162	2,106	351	1,755
1995-96	194	716	893	1,804	348	1,456
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1991-92	58.4	2.9	-32.3	-12.2	-37.5	0.8
1992-93	12.8	-26.1	10.6	-6.4	6.1	-10.4
1993-94	-55.5	8.7	4.6	-2.5	-14.5	2.0
1994-95	18.3	35.2	50.3	41.9	-1.4	55.6
1995-96	68.7	-13.6	-23.1	-14.3	-0.9	-17.0
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1994 - 95 -						
December	40	226	419	684	77	607
March	22	202	222	446	65	382
June	40	272	183	494	58	436
1995 - 96 -						
September	35	155	172	361	71	290
December	49	205	285	538	89	450
March	51	159	174	385	76	309
June	59	197	263	519	113	406
1996 - 97 -						
September	61	183	386	630	129	501
December	80	225	353	658	165	493
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, ORIGINAL						
1994 - 95 -						
March	-45.7	-10.5	-46.9	-34.8	-16.4	-37.1
June	86.0	34.4	-17.7	10.8	-9.6	14.3
1995 - 96 -						
September	-12.5	-43.0	-6.0	-27.0	21.6	-33.5
December	40.0	32.3	65.7	49.0	25.4	55.3
March	4.1	-22.4	-38.9	-28.4	-14.6	-31.3
June	15.7	23.9	51.1	34.8	48.7	31.4
1996 - 97 -						
September	3.4	-7.1	46.8	21.4	14.2	23.4
December	31.1	23.0	-8.5	4.4	27.9	-1.6
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1994 - 95 -						
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	556	89	468
March				523	71	452
June				466	64	402
1995 - 96 -						
September				433	68	365
December				423	78	345
March				467	94	373
June				544	114	430
1996 - 97 -						
September				608	133	475
December				641	146	495
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1994 - 95 -						
March	..	..	..	-5.9	-20.2	-3.4
June				-10.9	-9.9	-11.1
1995 - 96 -						
September				-7.1	6.3	-9.2
December				-2.3	14.7	-5.5
March				10.4	20.5	8.1
June				16.5	21.3	15.3
1996 - 97 -						
September				11.8	16.7	10.5
December				5.4	9.8	4.2

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION
South Australia

Period	Hotels, motels, guesthouses with facilities			Holiday flats, units and houses			Short-term caravan parks		
	Number of guest rooms	Room occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of flats, units and houses	Unit occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of sites	Site occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)
ANNUAL									
1986-87	8,497	52.9	79,254	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18,773	18.1	12,647
1987-88	9,156	50.8	89,321	1,105	45.4	8,109	18,926	17.8	13,248
1988-89	9,396	50.5	102,737	1,171	45.8	9,792	19,195	17.4	14,711
1989-90	10,316	52.0	121,788	1,113	48.4	11,381	19,847	18.4	17,174
1990-91	10,445	48.0	128,634	1,210	43.9	10,339	19,794	17.7	18,102
1991-92	10,745	46.6	130,578	1,302	40.4	10,492	20,601	17.1	19,111
1992-93	10,632	46.5	129,882	1,338	40.2	10,740	20,038	22.3	20,113
1993-94	10,597	48.6	138,782	1,338	40.9	11,700	19,591	23.7	20,790
1994-95	10,594	51.3	149,698	1,342	40.0	11,644	20,175	24.5	22,537
1995-96	10,772	52.4	161,136	1,356	41.5	12,844	20,187	24.9	23,578
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1987-88	7.8	..	12.7	n.a.	..	n.a.	0.8	..	4.8
1988-89	2.6	..	15.0	6.0	..	20.8	1.4	..	11.0
1989-90	9.8	..	18.5	-5.0	..	16.2	3.4	..	16.7
1990-91	1.3	..	5.6	8.7	..	-9.2	-0.3	..	5.4
1991-92	2.9	..	1.5	7.6	..	1.5	4.1	..	5.6
1992-93	-1.1	..	-0.5	2.8	..	2.4	-2.7	..	5.2
1993-94	-0.3	..	6.9	0.0	..	8.9	-2.2	..	3.4
1994-95	0.0	..	7.9	0.3	..	-0.5	3.0	..	8.4
1995-96	1.7	..	7.6	1.0	..	10.3	0.1	..	4.6
QUARTERLY									
1994 - 95 -									
September	10,560	48.7	34,734	1,326	34.0	2,418	19,988	20.9	4,211
December	10,608	53.0	41,265	1,360	40.0	3,000	20,126	24.5	5,681
March	10,603	53.4	37,897	1,337	50.1	3,776	20,132	28.4	7,047
June	10,605	50.0	35,802	1,346	35.9	2,451	20,452	24.3	5,597
1995 - 96 -									
September	10,703	50.3	37,077	1,289	32.4	2,273	20,350	22.3	4,809
December	10,763	52.9	42,999	1,297	40.3	3,120	20,123	24.5	6,103
March	10,757	55.1	41,938	1,388	54.9	4,512	20,154	27.8	6,931
June	10,865	51.4	39,121	1,451	38.0	2,940	20,122	25.0	5,736
1996 - 97 -									
September	10,879	48.9	37,567	1,426	35.1	2,885	20,247	21.0	4,735
December	10,951	54.9	43,266	1,470	40.7	3,651	20,260	25.2	6,340
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1994 - 95 -									
December	0.5	..	18.8	2.6	..	24.1	0.7	..	34.9
March	0.0	..	-8.2	-1.7	..	25.9	0.0	..	24.0
June	0.0	..	-5.5	0.7	..	-35.1	1.6	..	-20.6
1995 - 96 -									
September	0.9	..	3.6	-4.2	..	-7.3	-0.5	..	-14.1
December	0.6	..	16.0	0.6	..	37.3	-1.1	..	26.9
March	-0.1	..	-2.5	7.0	..	44.6	0.2	..	13.6
June	1.0	..	-6.7	4.5	..	-34.8	-0.2	..	-17.2
1996 - 97 -									
September	0.1	..	-4.0	-1.7	..	-1.9	0.6	..	-17.5
December	0.7	..	15.2	3.1	..	26.6	0.1	..	33.9

BUILDING APPROVALS **South Australia**

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses		Total(a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total				
ANNUAL								
1987-88	6,276	6,900	7,383	9,009	497	94	749	1,340
1988-89	7,526	8,006	9,642	11,238	690	109	895	1,694
1989-90	7,246	7,675	10,180	11,701	733	110	914	1,757
1990-91	8,351	8,633	10,418	11,426	755	119	591	1,465
1991-92	8,613	8,931	10,254	11,290	756	124	627	1,506
1992-93	9,710	10,087	11,548	12,341	841	133	418	1,392
1993-94	9,470	9,901	11,046	11,777	839	122	375	1,336
1994-95	7,757	8,147	9,208	9,762	740	120	493	1,353
1995-96	4,930	5,109	5,760	5,968	469	119	566	1,155
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR								
1988-89	19.9	16.0	30.6	24.7	38.8	16.0	19.5	26.4
1989-90	-3.7	-4.1	5.6	4.1	6.1	1.2	2.1	3.7
1990-91	15.2	12.5	2.3	-2.4	3.1	8.6	-35.4	-16.6
1991-92	3.1	3.5	-1.6	-1.2	0.1	3.9	6.1	2.8
1992-93	12.7	12.9	12.6	9.3	11.3	7.1	-33.2	-7.6
1993-94	-2.5	-1.8	-4.3	-4.6	-0.2	-8.0	-10.4	-4.0
1994-95	-18.1	-17.7	-16.6	-17.1	-11.8	-1.7	31.5	1.3
1995-96	-36.4	-37.3	-37.4	-38.9	-36.5	-0.7	14.8	-14.7
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL								
1995 - 96 -								
November	388	390	525	527	40.8	10.3	33.1	84.2
December	354	367	421	434	34.5	8.9	36.1	79.5
January	299	306	346	355	29.2	8.5	64.4	102.1
February	393	418	461	486	39.6	8.4	16.5	64.5
March	388	393	432	437	36.5	11.4	49.9	97.8
April	380	386	424	430	31.9	8.5	27.5	67.9
May	464	483	486	505	40.8	10.0	143.6	194.3
June	403	406	433	436	34.3	10.5	26.9	71.8
1996 - 97 -								
July	476	481	523	528	42.8	7.7	41.9	92.5
August	484	492	536	547	45.2	10.3	60.9	116.4
September	458	462	510	514	43.4	10.7	59.1	113.2
October	401	414	553	566	43.7	12.0	28.5	84.2
November	438	438	488	488	39.9	8.8	39.7	88.5
December	382	383	409	410	34.8	9.7	28.0	72.5
January	340	340	351	351	29.6	8.6	41.9	80.1
February	429	434	467	472	39.7	9.8	53.1	102.6
MONTHLY, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
December	393	412	469	493	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
January	392	408	454	476				
February	395	408	446	462				
March	403	411	444	454				
April	410	413	447	449				
May	415	415	451	449				
June	417	417	460	457				
1996 - 97 -								
July	419	422	473	473				
August	418	426	484	490				
September	418	430	489	502				
October	420	434	487	504				
November	424	438	480	498				
December	429	443	471	489				
January	436	449	463	481				
February	444	456	458	473				
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
January	-0.3	-1.0	-3.2	-3.4	..	..	..	..
February	0.8	0.0	-1.8	-2.9				
March	2.0	0.7	-0.4	-1.7				
April	1.7	0.5	0.7	-1.1				
May	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.0				
June	0.5	0.5	2.0	1.8				
1996 - 97 -								
July	0.5	1.2	2.8	3.5				
August	-0.2	0.9	2.3	3.6				
September	0.0	0.9	1.0	2.4				
October	0.5	0.9	-0.4	0.4				
November	1.0	0.9	-1.4	-1.2				
December	1.2	1.1	-1.9	-1.8				
January	1.6	1.4	-1.7	-1.6				
February	1.8	1.6	-1.1	-1.7				

(a) Includes the number of self-contained dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS South Australia

Period	Number of new dwelling units				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses		Total (a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building		Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	
ANNUAL									
1986-87	5,345	6,458	6,552	8,987	475.7	75.3	430.1	674.4	1,225.4
1987-88	5,664	6,388	6,723	8,510	472.9	92.2	527.2	718.8	1,283.8
1988-89	7,132	7,580	8,853	10,303	646.2	103.7	760.3	964.1	1,709.9
1989-90	6,734	7,174	9,421	10,988	718.2	111.6	669.6	934.2	1,763.9
1990-91	7,863	8,177	9,683	10,838	727.5	118.2	367.1	554.0	1,399.6
1991-92	8,036	8,344	9,635	10,700	727.2	125.1	344.5	607.8	1,460.1
1992-93	9,122	9,416	10,889	11,646	816.2	122.4	205.5	458.7	1,397.2
1993-94	9,159	9,590	10,712	11,501	845.3	126.5	209.9	373.0	1,344.8
1994-95	7,745	8,210	9,132	9,796	765.5	125.3	251.7	518.5	1,409.3
1995-96	4,836	5,070	5,692	5,961	496.5	121.7	452.8	631.8	1,250.0
QUARTERLY									
June 1994 - 95 -	2,235	2,396	2,629	2,883	213.4	30.2	55.2	93.5	337.1
September	2,413	2,526	2,857	3,085	235.6	34.3	57.0	101.8	371.7
December	2,303	2,435	2,691	2,873	221.1	31.8	52.8	99.5	352.4
March 1995 - 96 -	1,631	1,735	1,942	2,073	167.9	26.4	55.6	92.1	286.4
June	1,396	1,512	1,623	1,763	140.9	32.8	86.3	225.1	398.8
September	1,398	1,504	1,651	1,771	142.4	29.4	69.5	108.4	280.3
December	1,242	1,295	1,519	1,587	133.9	34.0	85.5	119.5	287.4
March 1996 - 97 -	1,044	1,089	1,248	1,295	109.2	29.4	80.1	139.9	278.4
June	1,153	1,183	1,274	1,308	111.0	28.8	217.7	264.0	403.9
September	1,191	1,207	1,302	1,321	108.7	26.2	67.9	104.2	239.1
December	1,233	1,249	1,499	1,517	132.5	33.5	80.0	107.5	273.5

(a) Includes conversions.

VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE DURING PERIOD South Australia

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Total			Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
ANNUAL (\$ million)									
1986-87	310.0	364.8	385.4	492.2	78.4	447.9	645.2	908.1	1,215.8
1987-88	343.8	381.1	391.4	467.7	88.2	551.8	811.2	1,027.0	1,367.1
1988-89	450.2	469.2	538.8	597.0	104.1	657.5	902.2	1,297.3	1,603.3
1989-90	493.8	518.9	657.4	724.9	116.3	743.2	988.6	1,514.0	1,829.8
1990-91	578.3	600.2	713.6	782.3	122.0	621.9	876.6	1,455.4	1,780.8
1991-92	591.5	607.5	693.4	748.5	125.1	310.3	484.1	1,127.5	1,357.6
1992-93	647.2	660.9	743.8	780.6	127.1	297.9	570.9	1,166.3	1,478.6
1993-94	719.1	746.4	828.9	876.3	132.0	217.7	462.1	1,177.2	1,470.4
1994-95	659.6	693.6	766.1	816.4	129.4	271.6	476.9	1,164.3	1,422.7
1995-96	441.4	460.5	512.9	534.8	130.6	311.4	542.1	953.2	1,207.5
QUARTERLY (\$ million)									
June 1994 - 95 -	175.7	182.9	204.2	215.3	30.8	53.1	111.0	287.5	357.2
September	185.6	193.5	215.3	230.8	37.4	63.7	113.5	316.1	381.8
December	185.3	195.7	216.0	231.4	35.6	63.0	117.8	313.1	384.7
March	153.3	159.5	179.5	187.9	25.1	57.2	104.4	261.4	317.4
June 1995 - 96 -	135.3	144.8	155.3	166.3	31.2	87.8	141.3	273.7	338.8
September	117.9	124.5	138.8	146.6	31.4	72.7	121.7	241.7	299.6
December	119.2	125.6	137.7	144.8	39.9	87.1	142.9	264.7	327.6
March	101.6	105.4	118.8	123.1	26.7	63.4	122.0	208.6	271.8
June 1996 - 97 -	102.6	105.0	117.6	120.3	32.6	88.1	155.6	238.3	308.5
September	97.3	99.3	109.4	111.3	28.0	83.4	143.8	219.4	283.1
December	109.0	110.4	121.2	122.6	35.0	117.2	187.0	273.0	344.6

PRODUCTION, SELECTED COMMODITIES
South Australia

Period	Footwear (pairs)	Gas (m megajoules)	Electricity (including NT) (*000 kWh)	Coal (tonnes)	Sawn timber(a) (m ³)
ANNUAL					
1986-87	2,147,468	82,550	9,666,694	2,435,010	194,458
1987-88	1,982,301	83,101	10,137,144	2,566,347	254,453
1988-89	2,062,085	86,546	10,588,647	2,674,215	292,335
1989-90	1,749,112	85,070	10,665,118	2,921,861	228,156
1990-91	1,837,602	73,265	8,878,357	2,441,040	240,193
1991-92	1,852,890	78,210	10,025,649	2,819,880	271,603
1992-93	1,406,178	83,000	10,226,734	2,753,610	317,096
1993-94	1,382,949	89,382	10,560,251	2,643,000	364,961
1994-95	1,430,417	86,123	10,051,056	2,554,560	392,349
1995-96	1,423,814	76,074	8,733,503	2,409,120	413,545
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
1987-88	-7.7	0.7	4.9	5.4	30.9
1988-89	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.2	14.9
1989-90	-15.2	-1.7	0.7	9.3	-22.0
1990-91	5.1	-13.9	-16.8	-16.5	5.3
1991-92	0.8	6.7	12.9	15.5	13.1
1992-93	-24.1	6.1	2.0	-2.4	16.7
1993-94	-1.7	7.7	3.3	-4.0	15.1
1994-95	3.4	-3.6	-4.8	-3.3	7.5
1995-96	-0.5	-11.7	-13.1	-5.7	5.4
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY (b), ORIGINAL					
1995 - 96 -					
December	89,857	5,126	673,409	208,920	112,148
January	80,341	4,990	713,816	232,020	..
February	124,734	5,548	742,084	233,280	..
March	151,541	6,163	765,278	254,940	88,684
April	101,261	6,088	632,648	159,960	..
May	134,719	5,728	725,035	186,600	..
June	163,135	7,047	788,337	216,120	90,862
1996 - 97 -					
July	132,078	7,478	805,153	242,820	..
August	139,938	7,077	780,265	231,720	..
September	140,736	6,545	715,089	203,820	95,037
October	118,507	6,788	701,744	150,480	..
November	134,859	5,468	692,551	202,920	..
December	82,581	5,417	724,795	196,980	86,509
January	68,587	6,016	801,786	239,760	..
February	170,775	6,499	857,703	206,820	..
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH/QUARTER (b)					
1995 - 96 -					
January	-10.6	-2.7	6.0	11.1	..
February	55.3	11.2	4.0	0.5	..
March	21.5	11.1	3.1	9.3	-20.9
April	-33.2	-1.2	-17.3	-37.3	..
May	33.0	-5.9	14.6	16.7	..
June	21.1	23.0	8.7	15.8	2.5
1996 - 97 -					
July	-19.0	6.1	2.1	12.4	..
August	6.0	-5.4	-3.1	-4.6	..
September	0.6	-7.5	-8.4	-12.0	4.6
October	-15.8	3.7	-1.9	-26.2	..
November	13.8	-19.4	-1.3	34.8	..
December	-38.8	-0.9	4.7	-2.9	-9.0
January	-16.9	11.1	10.6	21.7	..
February	149.0	8.0	7.0	-13.7	..

(a) From Australian softwood logs only.

(b) Sawn timber production data available quarterly only.

PRODUCTION, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS AND SELECTED COMMODITIES
South Australia

<i>Period</i>	<i>Chicken</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Cheese</i>	<i>Wheat flour, other than self-raising</i>
ANNUAL (tonnes)							
1984-85	35,882	36,508	79,111	35,800	30,136	23,273	74,643
1985-86	34,235	37,432	77,898	41,507	31,485	25,086	73,926
1986-87	33,776	40,761	90,283	43,934	32,416	27,438	80,310
1987-88	34,907	36,671	91,701	45,562	34,335	25,497	91,325
1988-89	32,946	40,364	87,160	42,159	36,203	24,704	96,418
1989-90	35,248	40,815	99,699	50,939	38,052	22,774	88,503
1990-91	31,945	38,644	87,036	65,434	32,038	24,522	83,727
1991-92	36,978	34,538	90,661	72,578	29,941	23,494	81,065
1992-93	38,619	38,153	96,338	65,689	39,334	26,140	87,761
1993-94	40,671	38,394	94,395	71,354	45,199	26,674	84,683
1994-95	39,103	32,063	99,108	66,759	36,147	29,154	80,666
1995-96	37,691	26,711	90,958	52,714	37,829	31,496	97,425
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1985-86	-4.6	2.5	-1.5	15.9	4.5	7.8	-1.0
1986-87	-1.3	8.9	15.9	5.8	3.0	9.4	8.6
1987-88	3.3	-10.0	1.6	3.7	5.9	-7.1	13.7
1988-89	-5.6	10.1	-5.0	-7.5	5.4	-3.1	5.6
1989-90	7.0	1.1	14.4	20.8	5.1	-7.8	-8.2
1990-91	-9.4	-5.3	-12.7	28.5	-15.8	7.7	-5.4
1991-92	15.8	-10.6	4.2	10.9	-6.5	-4.2	-3.2
1992-93	4.4	10.5	6.3	-9.5	31.4	11.3	8.3
1993-94	5.3	0.6	-2.0	8.6	14.9	2.0	-3.5
1994-95	-3.9	-16.5	5.0	-6.4	-20.0	9.3	-4.7
1995-96	-3.6	-16.7	-8.2	-21.0	4.7	8.0	20.8
MONTHLY (tonnes)							
1995 - 96 -							
December	3,419	1,907	7,036	3,906	2,691	2,912	8,952
January	3,286	2,092	9,208	5,711	2,693	2,419	6,566
February	2,991	2,297	9,065	6,320	3,213	4,806	8,503
March	3,361	1,899	8,091	5,468	3,385	1,357	8,283
April	3,438	1,985	6,352	3,523	2,965	2,122	7,665
May	2,880	2,646	7,037	3,286	3,282	2,174	14,422
June	2,942	2,136	5,913	2,880	1,921	1,963	6,811
1996 - 97 -							
July	3,110	2,561	5,342	2,424	1,904	2,120	7,099
August	2,827	2,454	5,292	2,504	1,863	2,452	7,468
September	3,042	1,896	6,752	3,487	2,784	3,092	7,089
October	3,155	1,775	8,232	5,282	3,429	3,699	6,866
November	3,167	2,215	9,032	7,105	2,991	3,326	7,331
December	3,600	1,527	6,782	4,254	2,582	2,889	8,187
January	3,502	1,693	7,460	5,566	3,254	2,536	8,010
February	3,032	2,107	7,367	6,083	3,365	2,043	8,566
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH							
1995 - 96 -							
January	-3.9	9.7	30.9	46.2	0.1	-16.9	-26.7
February	-9.0	9.8	-1.6	10.7	19.3	98.7	29.5
March	12.3	-17.3	-10.7	-13.5	5.3	-71.8	-2.6
April	2.3	4.5	-21.5	-35.6	-12.4	56.4	-7.5
May	-16.2	33.3	10.8	-6.7	10.7	2.5	88.2
June	2.2	-19.3	-16.0	-12.4	-41.5	-9.7	-52.8
1996 - 97 -							
July	5.7	19.9	-9.7	-15.8	-0.9	8.0	4.2
August	-9.1	-4.2	-0.9	3.3	-2.2	15.7	5.2
September	7.6	-22.7	27.6	39.3	49.4	26.1	-5.1
October	3.7	-6.4	21.9	51.5	23.2	19.6	-3.1
November	0.4	24.8	9.7	34.5	-12.8	-10.1	6.8
December	13.7	-31.1	-24.9	-40.1	-13.7	-13.1	11.7
January	-2.7	10.9	10.0	30.8	26.0	-12.2	-2.2
February	-13.4	24.5	-1.2	9.3	3.4	-19.4	6.9

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: BY GROUP
Adelaide

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100)									
1986-87	83.2	81.8	76.9	84.3	83.0	79.4	75.6	82.1	81.5
1987-88	87.6	88.2	79.5	89.9	88.6	85.7	84.0	89.6	87.0
1988-89	95.2	95.3	87.0	95.1	94.2	92.5	90.8	94.6	93.3
1989-90	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1990-91	103.8	103.6	104.1	105.4	107.0	112.0	113.4	104.8	106.2
1991-92	106.0	105.3	100.4	107.5	110.5	118.6	127.8	107.7	108.9
1992-93	109.3	107.0	94.3	107.6	115.0	131.2	134.9	110.7	111.2
1993-94	111.7	106.6	92.1	108.0	117.8	141.5	142.7	113.7	113.4
1994-95	115.1	104.9	97.8	109.2	120.2	148.9	151.3	116.3	116.9
1995-96	118.2	105.1	103.6	112.1	124.5	160.1	158.9	118.0	121.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1987-88	5.3	7.8	3.4	6.6	6.7	7.9	11.1	9.1	6.7
1988-89	8.7	8.0	9.4	5.8	6.3	7.9	8.1	5.6	7.2
1989-90	5.0	4.9	14.9	5.2	6.2	8.1	10.1	5.7	7.2
1990-91	3.8	3.6	4.1	5.4	7.0	12.0	13.4	4.8	6.2
1991-92	2.1	1.6	-3.6	2.0	3.3	5.9	12.7	2.8	2.5
1992-93	3.1	1.6	-6.1	0.1	4.1	10.6	5.6	2.8	2.1
1993-94	2.2	-0.4	-2.3	0.4	2.4	7.9	5.8	2.7	2.0
1994-95	3.0	-1.6	6.2	1.1	2.0	5.2	6.0	2.2	3.1
1995-96	2.7	0.2	5.9	2.7	3.6	7.6	5.0	1.5	3.7
QUARTERLY (1989-90=100.0)									
1994 - 95 -									
December	114.3	105.1	95.6	108.7	119.8	147.8	148.7	116.2	116.0
March	115.7	104.2	100.8	109.5	119.9	150.2	153.0	117.2	117.8
June	115.7	105.1	102.2	110.2	121.4	153.2	155.3	116.5	118.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	117.8	104.8	102.7	111.5	124.4	154.8	155.4	116.5	120.1
December	118.2	105.2	103.8	112.0	124.3	159.7	158.7	117.3	121.1
March	118.2	104.9	103.9	112.4	123.9	162.2	161.0	118.9	121.6
June	118.4	105.5	103.9	112.3	125.3	163.6	160.6	119.2	122.0
1996 - 97 -									
September	119.2	105.5	103.5	113.0	124.4	164.7	160.9	119.2	122.2
December	120.7	106.0	100.5	113.8	125.5	164.9	164.9	119.8	122.6
March	121.2	105.1	97.5	113.3	125.6	165.2	167.7	122.3	122.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1994 - 95 -									
December	2.7	-1.9	4.4	0.5	1.9	5.6	7.4	2.8	2.8
March	3.3	-1.7	10.0	1.5	2.0	5.3	5.2	2.7	3.7
June	2.4	-0.7	11.2	1.8	2.4	6.0	4.8	1.5	3.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	2.9	-0.4	11.1	3.0	4.0	7.4	4.8	1.2	4.5
December	3.4	0.1	8.6	3.0	3.8	8.1	6.7	0.9	4.4
March	2.2	0.7	3.1	2.6	3.3	8.0	5.2	1.5	3.2
June	2.3	0.4	1.7	1.9	3.2	6.8	3.4	2.3	2.7
1996-97									
September	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.0	6.4	3.5	2.3	1.7
December	2.1	0.8	-3.2	1.6	1.0	3.3	3.9	2.1	1.2
March	2.5	0.2	-6.2	0.8	1.4	1.8	4.2	2.9	0.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1994 - 95 -									
March	1.2	-0.9	5.4	0.7	0.1	1.6	2.9	0.9	1.6
June	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.6	1.3	2.0	1.5	-0.6	0.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	1.8	-0.3	0.5	1.2	2.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	1.1
December	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4	-0.1	3.2	2.1	0.7	0.8
March	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.4	-0.3	1.6	1.4	1.4	0.4
June	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	1.1	0.9	-0.2	0.3	0.3
1996-97									
September	0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2
December	1.3	0.5	-2.9	0.7	0.9	0.1	2.5	0.5	0.3
March	0.4	-0.8	-3.0	-0.4	0.1	0.2	1.7	2.1	0.0

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED CONSUMER ITEMS
Adelaide (cents)

Item	Unit	Quarter				
		Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Dec. 1996
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	114	114	113	114	116
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	335	334	337	322	318
Butter	500g	165	165	167	160	172
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	148	152	141	154	157
Self-raising flour	2kg	213	228	238	243	227
Beef:						
Rump steak	1kg	1,130	1,122	1,168	1,123	1,061
Corned silverside	1kg	642	637	645	624	625
Lamb:						
Leg	1kg	516	608	584	586	563
Loin chops	1kg	726	799	812	808	778
Forequarter chops	1kg	514	566	544	555	528
Pork:						
Leg	1kg	593	598	608	621	617
Loin chops	1kg	764	764	765	778	793
Chicken, frozen	1kg	331	350	348	369	375
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	287	303	289	292	317
Sausages	1kg	366	356	358	351	351
Potatoes	1kg	134	72	70	67	73
Onions	1kg	192	108	74	83	128
Peaches, canned	825g	185	186	189	174	190
Eggs, 55g	doz	230	232	240	239	248
Sugar, white	2kg	186	189	180	182	182
Tea	250g	166	175	159	168	172
Coffee, instant, jar	150g	552	552	528	509	513
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500g	148	141	141	139	143
Petrol:						
Leaded	1 litre	74.0	73.6	75.9	73.6	76.1
Unleaded	1 litre	71.7	71.3	73.6	71.3	73.7

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE
South Australia

Period	Live births(a)	Deaths(a)	Components of population change			Total increase	Population at end of period
			Natural increase	Net migration			
				Interstate	Overseas (b)		
ANNUAL							
1985-86	19,657	10,427	9,230	-1,417	5,084	11,353	1,382,550
1986-87	19,628	10,577	9,051	-3,977	6,200	10,214	1,392,764
1987-88	19,288	10,799	8,489	-1,240	5,952	12,145	1,404,909
1988-89	19,528	10,814	8,664	-221	6,665	14,120	1,419,029
1989-90	19,653	11,329	8,253	-252	5,762	13,027	1,432,056
1990-91	19,966	11,120	8,767	1,545	4,619	14,243	1,446,299
1991-92	19,530	11,035	8,532	-133	2,897	11,296	1,457,595
1992-93	19,686	11,163	8,403	-4,650	1,546	5,299	1,462,894
1993-94	20,036	11,743	7,949	-3,466	1,994	6,477	1,469,371
1994-95	19,559	11,496	8,022	-6,529	3,102	4,595	1,473,596
1995-96	15,837	11,186	7,675	-6,238	4,119	5,557	1,479,153
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY							
1995 - 96 -							
September	1,728	963	1,759	-2,157	1,106	708	1,474,304
October	1,528	1,057	..	..	..	..	..
November	1,665	929	..	..	..	..	..
December	1,397	842	1,752	-1,512	946	1,186	1,475,490
January	1,663	932	..	..	..	..	..
February	1,693	807	..	..	..	..	..
March	1,567	839	2,346	-1,476	1,370	2,240	1,477,730
April	1,416	776	..	..	..	..	..
May	1,732	1,123	..	..	..	..	..
June	1,448	886	1,818	-1,093	697	1,423	1,479,153
1996 - 97 -							
July	1,732	1,102	..	..	..	..	..
August	1,662	1,207	..	..	..	..	..
September	1,464	977	1,575	-1,589	1,042	1,028	1,480,181
October	1,779	1,196	..	..	..	..	..
November	1,536	835	..	..	..	..	..
December	1,424	920	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Registrations.

(b) Includes category jumping.

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION
South Australia

Period	Employed Full-time Males	Employed Full-time Females	Employed Part-time Males	Employed Part-time Females	Employed Total Males	Employed Total Females	Unem- ployed Males	Unem- ployed Females	Labour Force Males	Labour Force Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1986-87	337.1	137.0	25.4	106.6	362.5	243.6	35.6	24.5	398.1	268.1
1987-88	334.4	137.4	29.3	111.6	363.7	249.0	35.1	24.9	398.8	273.9
1988-89	345.5	145.3	29.7	115.8	375.2	261.1	32.2	22.5	407.4	283.6
1989-90	352.0	149.3	31.5	119.8	383.5	269.1	28.5	20.9	412.0	290.0
1990-91	345.2	148.4	34.1	125.7	379.3	274.1	37.8	25.3	417.1	299.4
1991-92	323.3	145.7	37.5	121.6	360.8	267.3	50.0	29.3	410.8	296.6
1992-93	322.2	143.2	39.2	126.8	361.4	270.0	51.9	29.9	413.3	299.9
1993-94	322.0	146.3	40.0	127.0	362.0	273.3	47.3	29.9	409.3	303.2
1994-95	323.1	151.5	42.6	131.3	365.7	282.8	44.6	28.7	410.3	311.5
1995-96	325.2	150.0	45.5	136.7	370.7	286.7	42.6	26.0	413.2	312.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE										
1987-88	-0.8	0.3	15.4	4.7	0.3	2.2	-1.4	1.6	0.2	2.2
1988-89	3.3	5.7	1.4	3.8	3.2	4.9	-8.3	-9.6	2.2	3.5
1989-90	1.9	2.8	6.1	3.5	2.2	3.1	-11.5	-7.1	1.1	2.3
1990-91	-1.9	-0.6	8.3	4.9	-1.1	1.9	32.6	21.1	1.2	3.2
1991-92	-6.3	-1.8	10.0	-3.3	-4.9	-2.5	32.3	15.8	-1.5	-0.9
1992-93	-0.3	-1.7	4.5	4.3	0.2	1.0	3.8	2.0	0.6	1.1
1993-94	-0.1	2.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	1.2	-8.9	0.0	-1.0	1.1
1994-95	0.3	3.6	6.5	3.4	1.0	3.5	-5.7	-4.0	0.2	2.7
1995-96	0.6	-1.0	6.8	4.1	1.4	1.4	-4.5	-9.4	0.7	0.4
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1995 - 96 -										
March	324.6	147.9	45.9	139.8	370.5	287.6	42.0	27.0	412.5	314.6
April	321.5	147.1	49.6	143.2	371.1	290.2	42.3	27.0	413.4	317.2
May	322.8	151.3	43.8	140.3	366.6	291.6	41.4	26.8	408.0	318.5
June	322.2	148.2	47.7	145.4	369.9	293.6	38.1	23.7	407.9	317.3
1996 - 97 -										
July	323.7	151.0	47.0	141.6	370.7	292.6	38.2	25.9	408.9	318.5
August	315.9	148.2	49.9	142.0	365.8	290.2	41.3	26.6	407.1	316.8
September	316.7	152.0	49.0	141.5	365.7	293.5	43.0	27.5	408.7	320.9
October	321.0	151.8	45.9	140.5	366.9	292.3	40.7	27.0	407.6	319.4
November	321.0	149.7	47.8	138.9	368.7	288.7	41.3	25.1	410.0	313.7
December	327.6	153.0	46.3	139.7	373.8	292.7	41.3	29.3	415.1	322.0
January	321.3	151.3	44.8	133.5	366.2	284.8	44.9	28.8	411.0	313.6
February	320.5	152.4	47.6	140.0	368.1	292.3	44.2	30.2	412.3	322.5
March	318.6	148.6	54.9	145.6	373.5	294.1	41.6	29.5	415.1	323.6
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1995 - 96 -										
March	325.5	149.7	45.0	138.1	370.3	287.8	42.3	26.2	412.5	314.0
April	324.6	149.8	45.3	139.2	369.9	289.0	42.0	26.4	412.0	315.5
May	323.3	150.1	46.3	140.1	369.6	290.2	41.6	26.7	411.2	316.9
June	322.0	150.6	47.3	140.4	369.3	291.0	41.2	27.0	410.4	318.0
1996 - 97 -										
July	320.7	150.8	48.2	140.5	368.9	291.3	41.0	27.3	409.9	318.7
August	319.7	150.8	48.7	140.4	368.4	291.2	41.2	27.6	409.6	318.9
September	319.4	150.6	48.4	140.4	367.8	291.0	41.5	27.7	409.3	318.7
October	319.6	150.4	48.0	140.4	367.6	290.8	41.7	27.6	409.3	318.4
November	320.1	150.3	47.6	140.6	367.7	290.9	41.8	27.5	409.4	318.4
December	320.8	150.2	47.4	141.0	368.2	291.2	41.7	27.3	409.8	318.6
January	321.2	150.1	47.7	141.7	368.9	291.8	41.5	27.3	410.4	319.1
February	321.5	150.1	48.2	142.5	369.7	292.6	41.4	27.3	411.1	319.9
March	321.5	150.1	49.0	143.3	370.5	293.4	41.4	27.4	411.9	320.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND										
1995 - 96 -										
April	-0.3	0.1	0.7	0.8	-0.1	0.4	-0.7	0.8	-0.1	0.5
May	-0.4	0.2	2.2	0.6	-0.1	0.4	-1.0	1.1	-0.2	0.4
June	-0.4	0.3	2.2	0.2	-0.1	0.3	-1.0	1.1	-0.2	0.3
1996 - 97 -										
July	-0.4	0.1	1.9	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	1.1	-0.1	0.2
August	-0.3	0.0	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.5	1.1	-0.1	0.1
September	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
October	0.1	-0.1	-0.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.1
November	0.2	-0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.0
December	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.1	0.1
January	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2
February	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3
March	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER
South Australia

<i>Period</i>	<i>Civilian Population aged 15 and over Males (⁰⁰⁰)</i>	<i>Civilian Population aged 15 and over Females (⁰⁰⁰)</i>	<i>Unemploy- ment rate Ages 15-19 Persons (%)</i>	<i>Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Males (%)</i>	<i>Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Females (%)</i>	<i>Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Persons (%)</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate Males (%)</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate Females (%)</i>	<i>Partici- pation rate Persons (%)</i>
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1985-86	526.9	545.6	20.6	8.2	8.8	8.4	75.6	46.8	60.5
1986-87	534.8	552.4	22.1	8.9	9.1	9.0	74.4	48.5	61.3
1987-88	542.4	560.0	20.8	8.8	9.1	8.9	73.5	48.9	61.0
1988-89	547.9	566.9	17.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	74.3	50.0	62.0
1989-90	552.4	573.4	16.2	6.9	7.2	7.1	74.6	50.6	62.4
1990-91	558.3	579.8	19.2	9.1	8.4	8.8	74.7	51.6	63.0
1991-92	563.9	585.4	25.0	12.1	9.9	11.2	72.9	50.7	61.6
1992-93	567.4	588.9	26.6	12.6	10.0	11.5	72.8	51.0	61.7
1993-94	570.6	592.0	28.3	11.5	9.8	10.8	71.7	51.2	61.3
1994-95	573.7	594.7	25.2	10.9	9.2	10.2	71.5	52.4	61.8
1995-96	576.2	597.1	27.2	10.3	8.3	9.5	71.7	52.4	61.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1986-87	1.5	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1987-88	1.4	1.4							
1988-89	1.0	1.2							
1989-90	0.8	1.1							
1990-91	1.1	1.1							
1991-92	1.0	1.0							
1992-93	0.6	0.6							
1993-94	0.6	0.6							
1994-95	0.6	0.5							
1995-96	0.4	0.5							
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1995 - 96 -									
January	576.2	597.2	30.5	10.9	9.6	10.4	72.1	51.4	61.6
February	576.5	597.5	30.5	11.2	9.5	10.5	72.3	52.3	62.1
March	576.7	597.7	26.6	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.5	52.6	61.9
April	577.0	598.0	24.6	10.2	8.5	9.5	71.7	53.0	62.2
May	577.3	598.2	27.3	10.1	8.4	9.4	70.7	53.2	61.8
June	577.6	598.5	22.4	9.3	7.5	8.5	70.6	53.0	61.7
1996 - 97 -									
July	578.0	598.9	24.1	9.3	8.1	8.8	70.7	53.2	61.8
August	578.4	599.2	23.8	10.2	8.4	9.4	70.4	52.9	61.5
September	578.8	599.6	23.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	70.6	53.5	61.9
October	579.1	599.9	20.7	10.0	8.5	9.3	70.4	53.2	61.7
November	579.5	600.2	22.2	10.1	8.0	9.2	70.8	52.3	61.4
December	579.8	600.5	25.9	9.9	9.1	9.6	71.6	53.6	62.5
January	580.0	600.7	22.9	10.9	9.2	10.2	70.9	52.2	61.4
February	580.3	601.0	23.5	10.7	9.4	10.1	71.1	53.7	62.2
March	580.5	601.2	n.y.a.	10.0	9.1	9.6	71.5	53.8	62.5
MONTHLY, TREND									
1995 - 96 -									
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	8.3	9.4	71.8	52.1	61.7
February				10.3	8.4	9.4	71.6	52.3	61.8
March				10.3	8.4	9.4	71.5	52.5	61.9
April				10.2	8.4	9.4	71.4	52.8	61.9
May				10.1	8.4	9.4	71.2	53.0	61.9
June				10.0	8.5	9.4	71.1	53.1	61.9
1996 - 97 -									
July				10.0	8.6	9.4	70.9	53.2	61.9
August				10.1	8.7	9.4	70.8	53.2	61.9
September				10.1	8.7	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.8
October				10.2	8.7	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.7
November				10.2	8.6	9.5	70.7	53.0	61.7
December				10.2	8.6	9.5	70.7	53.1	61.7
January				10.1	8.5	9.4	70.8	53.1	61.8
February				10.1	8.5	9.4	70.9	53.2	61.9
March				10.0	8.5	9.4	71.0	53.4	62.0

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES
South Australia

Period	Full-time adults						All employees		
	Ordinary time earnings			Total earnings					
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1985-86	406.30	340.50	388.30	431.80	346.60	408.40	389.00	252.70	334.50
1986-87	431.80	363.70	412.20	455.90	370.20	431.20	411.80	268.90	352.20
1987-88	458.60	389.70	438.40	485.00	397.00	459.20	440.10	295.10	379.60
1988-89	481.50	424.30	465.70	517.60	435.10	494.90	473.40	315.10	408.50
1989-90	517.50	454.90	499.40	560.70	466.50	533.50	511.60	338.00	437.80
1990-91	561.30	486.10	537.90	598.90	496.10	566.90	546.70	358.10	462.00
1991-92	588.40	524.10	567.80	624.90	534.00	595.80	564.80	386.90	483.70
1992-93	610.10	534.90	585.40	646.40	546.80	613.70	560.00	382.60	477.40
1993-94	625.10	547.60	600.00	667.50	560.10	632.70	595.10	396.60	503.30
1994-95	632.70	559.10	608.20	681.70	572.50	645.30	599.90	411.90	513.40
1995-96	653.80	555.90	622.80	703.15	568.50	660.05	620.10	403.90	520.65
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1986-87	6.3	6.8	6.2	5.6	6.8	5.6	5.9	6.4	5.3
1987-88	6.2	7.1	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.5	6.9	9.7	7.8
1988-89	5.0	8.9	6.2	6.7	9.6	7.8	7.6	6.8	7.6
1989-90	7.5	7.2	7.2	8.3	7.2	7.8	8.1	7.3	7.2
1990-91	8.5	6.9	7.7	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.9	5.9	5.5
1991-92	4.8	7.8	5.6	4.3	7.6	5.1	3.3	8.0	4.7
1992-93	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.4	2.4	3.0	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3
1993-94	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.4	3.1	6.3	3.7	5.4
1994-95	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	0.8	3.9	2.0
1995-96	3.3	-0.6	2.4	3.1	-0.7	2.3	3.4	-1.9	1.4
QUARTERLY (\$ per week)									
1993 - 94 -									
20 May	622.90	551.40	599.80	664.30	567.10	632.90	595.80	399.80	504.80
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	628.20	553.70	602.60	674.20	566.70	637.20	591.40	410.80	507.40
18 November	619.10	558.00	598.60	667.50	572.80	635.70	586.90	410.20	505.10
17 February	648.40	560.80	619.90	699.90	572.80	658.50	620.10	415.80	527.90
19 May	635.10	563.90	611.70	685.20	577.80	649.90	601.10	410.80	513.30
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	639.90	560.10	613.80	684.50	571.80	647.60	600.80	408.60	510.20
17 November	647.60	549.20	616.10	693.10	560.90	650.90	607.60	396.30	510.60
16 February	658.90	557.20	626.30	713.60	569.50	667.30	631.40	402.40	527.20
17 May	668.90	557.10	633.80	721.40	571.80	674.40	640.50	408.30	534.60
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	666.70	562.40	632.40	720.10	574.40	672.30	628.50	403.60	523.60
15 November	669.60	575.30	639.50	728.30	591.80	684.80	626.80	402.30	522.20
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING REFERENCE DATE IN PREVIOUS YEAR									
1994 - 95 -									
19 May	2.0	2.3	2.0	3.1	1.9	2.7	0.9	2.8	1.7
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	1.9	1.2	1.9	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.6	-0.5	0.6
17 November	4.6	-1.6	2.9	3.8	-2.1	2.4	3.5	-3.4	1.1
16 February	1.6	-0.6	1.0	2.0	-0.6	1.3	1.8	-3.2	-0.1
17 May	5.3	-1.2	3.6	5.3	-1.0	3.8	6.6	-0.6	4.1
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	4.2	0.4	3.0	5.2	0.5	3.8	4.6	-1.2	2.6
15 November	3.4	4.8	3.8	5.1	5.5	5.2	3.2	1.5	2.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REFERENCE DATE									
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	0.9	0.4	0.5	1.5	-0.1	0.7	-0.7	2.8	0.5
18 November	-1.4	0.8	-0.7	-1.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
17 February	4.7	0.5	3.6	4.9	0.0	3.6	5.7	1.4	4.5
19 May	-2.1	0.6	-1.3	-2.1	0.9	-1.3	-3.1	-1.2	-2.8
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	0.8	-0.7	0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.6
17 November	1.2	-1.9	0.4	1.3	-1.9	0.5	1.1	-3.0	0.1
16 February	1.7	1.5	1.7	3.0	1.5	2.5	3.9	1.5	3.3
17 May	1.5	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.4
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	-1.9	-1.2	-2.1
15 November	0.4	2.3	1.1	1.1	3.0	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3

FINANCE COMMITMENTS **South Australia**

Secured housing finance commitments to individuals						
<i>Construction and purchase of dwellings</i>						
<i>Period</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>	<i>Amount (\$ million)</i>	<i>Alterations and additions (\$ million)</i>	<i>Personal finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Commercial finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Lease finance commitments (\$ million)</i>
ANNUAL						
1985-86	21,714	920.1	48.9	1,203.9	3,492.7	339.8
1986-87	21,658	965.5	47.1	1,222.4	4,242.8	334.5
1987-88	26,582	1,266.6	47.0	1,448.9	6,486.6	392.1
1988-89	29,977	1,574.2	51.4	1,534.1	7,285.5	512.4
1989-90	25,650	1,438.2	45.8	1,525.7	6,926.4	445.4
1990-91	28,694	1,731.3	58.8	1,503.6	6,257.0	323.2
1991-92	31,765	2,083.8	88.8	1,456.7	6,667.9	256.2
1992-93	36,960	2,569.5	102.8	1,656.9	5,122.5	249.5
1993-94	45,725	3,387.9	221.8	1,840.3	5,467.2	250.6
1994-95	36,429	2,879.7	242.2	2,152.2	5,405.6	271.4
1995-96	38,707	2,982.2	240.7	2,211.5	6,516.2	265.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1986-87	-0.3	4.9	-3.7	1.5	21.5	-1.6
1987-88	22.7	31.2	-0.2	18.5	52.9	17.2
1988-89	12.8	24.3	9.4	5.9	12.3	30.7
1989-90	-14.4	-8.6	-10.9	-0.5	-4.9	-13.1
1990-91	11.9	20.4	28.4	-1.4	-9.7	-27.4
1991-92	10.7	20.4	51.0	-3.1	6.6	-20.7
1992-93	16.4	23.3	15.8	13.7	-23.2	-2.6
1993-94	23.7	31.9	115.7	11.1	6.7	0.5
1994-95	-20.3	-15.0	9.2	16.9	-1.1	8.3
1995-96	6.3	3.6	-0.6	2.8	20.5	-2.2
MONTHLY						
1995 - 96 -						
December	2,981	231.2	17.8	171.1	720.2	25.7
January	2,965	226.9	17.4	175.6	562.2	13.0
February	3,482	264.6	20.6	179.2	447.5	23.5
March	3,694	284.8	23.2	186.1	542.7	25.4
April	3,271	249.5	18.3	175.1	604.8	16.5
May	3,276	252.0	18.9	192.4	773.7	24.8
June	2,707	213.6	26.1	182.0	627.7	31.3
1996 - 97 -						
July	3,013	237.8	21.7	188.3	656.7	22.8
August	2,776	216.9	18.8	180.8	444.0	18.9
September	3,064	250.6	19.4	175.0	491.6	22.2
October	2,965	233.6	14.0	203.6	444.8	15.3
November	3,115	248.1	14.2	188.8	541.7	17.8
December	2,995	251.5	13.1	220.7	615.6	19.2
January	2,881	231.3	15.3	221.0	409.1	13.7
February	3,013	246.6	16.4	214.4	410.8	15.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH						
1995 - 96 -						
January	-0.5	-1.9	-2.2	2.6	-21.9	-49.4
February	17.4	16.6	18.1	2.0	-20.4	80.2
March	6.1	7.6	12.8	3.8	21.3	8.2
April	-11.5	-12.4	-20.9	-5.9	11.4	-34.9
May	0.2	1.0	3.2	9.8	27.9	50.1
June	-17.4	-15.2	37.9	-5.4	-18.9	26.2
1996 - 97 -						
July	11.3	11.3	-16.8	3.4	4.6	-27.1
August	-7.9	-8.8	-13.4	-4.0	-32.4	-17.2
September	10.4	15.5	3.4	-3.2	10.7	17.8
October	-3.2	-6.8	-27.9	16.3	-9.5	-31.2
November	5.1	6.2	1.6	-7.3	21.8	16.6
December	-3.9	1.4	-8.4	16.9	13.6	7.7
January	-3.8	-8.0	17.5	0.1	-33.5	-28.6
February	4.6	6.6	7.0	-3.0	0.4	11.5

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